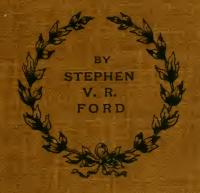
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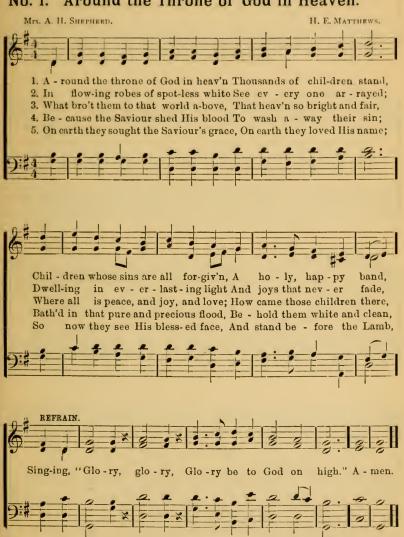
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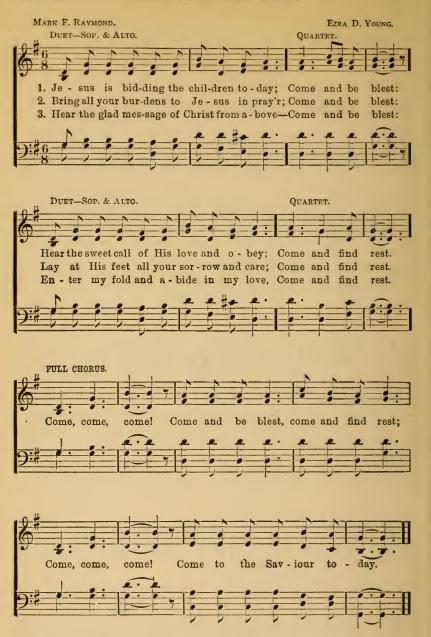
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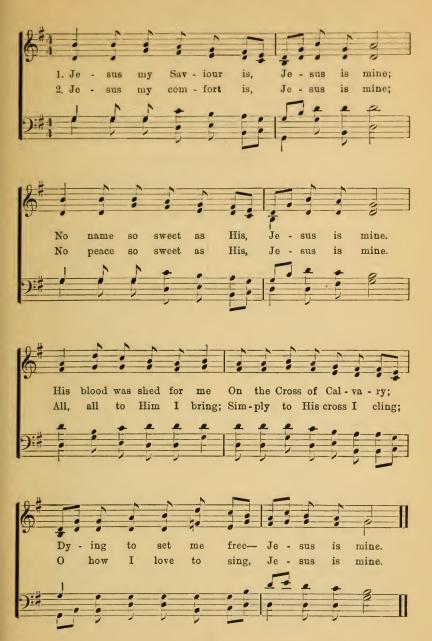


No. 2. Come and Find Rest.



Note.—Primary classes will readily learn the full chorus of this piece. The first part may be sung as the teacher elects.

No. 3. Jesus my Saviour is.



The Bell of the Angels.

There has come to my mind a legend, a thing I had half forgot, And whether I read it or dreamed it, ah, well, it matters not. It said that in heaven, at twilight, a great bell softly swings, And man may listen and hearken to the wonderful music that rings. If he put from his heart's inner chamber all the passion, pain, and strife, Heartache and weary longing that throb in the pulses of life—
If he thrust from his soul all hatred, all thoughts of wicked things, He can hear in the holy twilight how the bell of the angels rings.
And I think there lies in this legend, if we open our eyes to see, Somewhat of an inner meaning, my friend, to you and to me.
Let us look in our hearts and question, can pure thoughts enter in To a soul if it be already the dwelling of thoughts of sin?
So, then let us ponder a little, let us look in our hearts and see
If the twilight bell of the angels could ring for us,—you and me.—Selected.

A Babe in a House.

A babe in a house is a well-spring of pleasure; a messenger of peace and love; A resting-place of innocence on earth; a link between angels and men.—Tupper.

What Would the World Be?

Ah! what would the world be to us
If the children were no more?
We would dread the desert behind us
Worse than the dark before.

They are better than all the ballads
That ever were sung or said;
For they are living pocms
And all the rest are dead.—Whittier.

The Lost Found.

(A RECITATION FOR THREE CHILDREN.)

First.

'Twas only a missing sheep,
One out of the great wide fold,
'Twas a wayward sheep and wild,
And had wandered times untold.
But what if it died alone?
Or what if the hills were dark?
'Twas only a sheep that was lost
As an arrow may miss the mark.
But the Shepherd answered: "I cannot rest
While my sheep is away from me;
I'll call till it comes, and I'll bring it home,
For I bought it on Calvary!"

Second.

'Twas only a silver coin;
And the silver was mixed with dross;
It seemed as a worthless thing,
And to loose it but little loss.
There were nine bright pieces left,
And they shone like the morning sun;
And why was there need to search
When the toils of the day were done?
But the seeker said: "Though the coin be

rough,
And though ragged its edges be,
Still it bears my image—I cannot rest
Till my lost piece of silver I see!"

Third.

'Twas only a prodigal son,
A wanderer far away;
A sinner made poor by his sin,
Getting poorer every day.
But what if he had no friend?
And what if he had to roam?
Would such a wild, prodigal son
Be missed in his father's home?
"Though all men condemn thee," the father
said,
"Yet not I for I came to saye."

"Yet not I, for I came to save; And I came to lift thee out of thy sins, And to rescue thee from the grave!"

AU.

And the message in heaven was told,
'Mid the music of angel choirs,
That a son was born anew,
By the Pentecostal fires;
That the fatted calf was killed,
And the fairest robe was given,
For the lost was found again,
As a child of the kingdom of heaven!
"Rejoice! rejoice, for the dead are alive,
And the lost have a welcome given;
They have washed their robes, and made
them white,
And of such is the kingdom of heaven.

—Selected.

The Sorrows of Childhood.

Down from his Father's mansion in the skies Christ came, that childhood's sorrows he might share; He took upon him its infirmities, And to its griefs became the willing heir.

And finding in the little ones of earth Celestial graces fully symbolized, His benedictions crowned them from their birth-Their love and fellowship he fondly prized.

And having borne their griefs he went away, Ascending to his Father, where he waits, With arm far-reaching as the earth, for aye, To bear them upward through the pearly gates.

There gathered round the great white throne on high, In Christ's eternal sympathy and love, They find for every earthly tear and sigh, Full compensation in the world above.

A Foolish Little Maiden.

A foolish little maiden bought a foolish little bonnet, With a ribbon, and a feather, and a piece of lace upon it; And that the other maidens of the little town might know it, She thought she'd go to meeting the next Sunday, just to show it.

But though the little bonnet was searce larger than a dime, The getting of it settled proved to be a work of time; So when 'twas fairly tied, all the bells had stopped their ringing, And when she came to meeting, sure enough, the folks were singing.

So this foolish little maiden stood and waited at the door, And she shook her ruftles out behind and smoothed them down before. "Hallelujah, hallelujah!" sang the choir above her head— "Hardly knew you! hardly knew you!" were the words she thought they said

This made the little maiden feel so very, very eross, That she gave her little mouth a twist, her little head a toss; For she thought the very hymn they sang was all about her bonnet, And the ribbon, and the feather, and the bit of lace upon it.

And she would not wait to listen to the sermon nor the prayer, But pattered down the silent street, and hurried up the stair, Till she reached her little bureau, and in a band-box on it, Had hidden safe from critie's eye her foolish little bonnet.

Which proves, my little maidens, that each of you will find, In every Sabbath service but an echo of your mind; And the little head that's filled with silly little airs, Will never get a blessing from sermon or from prayers.—Christian Leader,

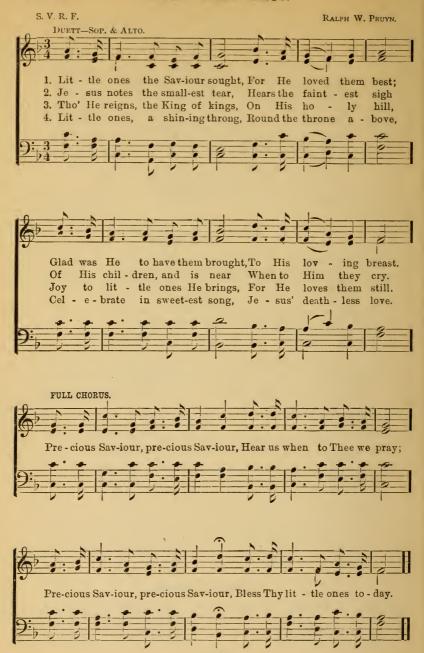
A Morning Prayer.

Lord, thou hast brought me through the | Still let me in thy love abide; night In safety, to behold the light Of this new day;

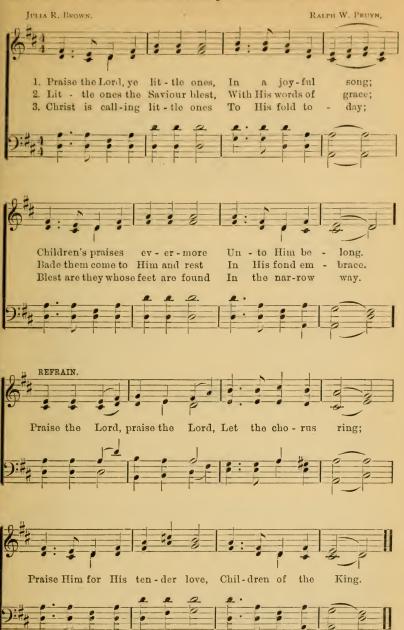
Throughout this day be thou my guide-My sure defense-whate'er betide, I humbly pray. Amen.

No. 4.

Jesus' Little Ones.



NO. 5. Praise the Lord, ye Little Ones.



Little Eyes.

(MOTION RECITATION FOR FOUR SCHOLARS.)

First

Little eyes, little eyes,
Open with the morning light;
Upward look, upward look,
Heaven's morn is always bright.

Second.

Little heart, little heart,
Full of laughter, full of glee,
Beat with love, beat with love,
For the Lord who blesses thee.

Third.

Little hands, little hands,
Busy with the kite or doll;
Learn ye may, work or play,
Daily to do good to all.

Fourth.

Little feet, little feet,
Soft your patter, light your load;
Do not stray, keep the way,
Walk the straight and narrow road.
—Rev. B. R. Handy.

Just Ask an Angel.

(RECITATION FOR TWO SMALL BOYS.)

First.

Our baby has a brand new tooth,
And room for many more;
To-day I asked my mamma why
It did not come before.
"Go ask an angel, child," she said;
That's just what I have done,
Dear mamma; then she whispered low,
"I'll tell you later on!"

Second.

Our hen has got ten little chicks
That look like balls of down;
To-day I asked my mamma why
Their feathers were not on.
She said, "An angel might explain;"
And that's the reason why
I asked you mamma; then she said,
"I'll see you by and by!"

Little Offerings.

We bring the bright pennies, They're little, we know; But, love going with them, To dollars they'll grow;

As much as this, surely,
We children can see;
If there were no pennies
No dollars there'd be.—Selected,

Offertory.

(ACROSTIC: CHILDREN'S DAY. EXERCISE FOR TWELVE SCHOLARS.)

First Scholar.

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate.—1 Tim. 6. 17, 18.

Second Scholar.

Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase.—
[Prov. 3. 9.

Third Scholar.

I will consecrate their gain unto the Lord, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.—Mic. 4, 13.

Fourth Scholar.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.—Matt. 6, 19-21.

Fifth Scholar.

Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.—Rom. 12. 13.

Sixth Scholar.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. - Acts 20, 35,

Seventh Scholar.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.-2 Cor. 9. 7.

Eighth Scholar.

Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have.

For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man bath, and not according to that he hath not .- 2 Cor. S. 11, 12.

Ninth Scholar.

Seek ve first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. - Matt. 6. 33.

Tenth Scholar.

Distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven.—Luke 18. 22.

Eleventh Scholar.

And he looked up, and saw the rich men easting their gifts into the treasury.

And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more

than they all: For all these have of their abundance east in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.—Luke 21, 1-4.

Twelfth Scholar.

Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.—2 Cor. 8. 9.

First Scholar.—Now concerning the collection.—1 Cor. 16. 1.

Note.—The twelve scholars come upon the platform presenting to the view of the audience cards spelling out the words Childpen's Day. On the reverse side of the cards numbering from two to eleven inclusive are the letters (ten in all) forming the word Collection. When the first scholar begins the sentence, "Now concerning the collection," the cards are quickly reversed. Scholar number twelve then passes the collection plate or basket to the members of the calls are the cards are the cards are quickly reversed. Scholar number twelve then passes the collection plate or basket to the members of the class, receiving their offerings, reciting at the conclusion of the collection the words, "I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done," addressing the audience. The public collection is then taken. It is by no means a bad plan to have the collection taken by the scholars who conduct the motto exercise.

Our Heroes.

Here's a hand to the boy who has courage | And he who fights sin single-handed To do what he knows to be right;

When he falls in the way of temptation, He has a hard battle to fight.

Who strives against self and his comrades Will find a most powerful foe;

All honor to him if he conquers, A cheer to the boy who says "No!"

There's many a battle fought daily The world knows nothing about; There's many a brave little soldier Whose strength puts a legion to rout. Is more a hero, I say,

Than he who leads soldiers to battle And conquers by arms in the fray.

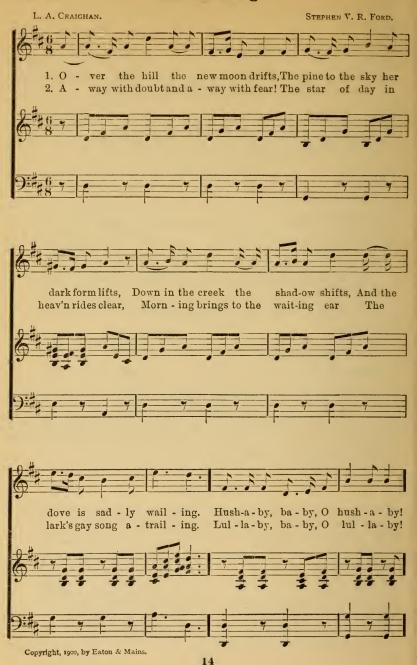
Be steadfast, my boy, when you're tempted, To do what you know to be right;

Stand firm by the eolors of manhood And you will o'ereome in the fight.

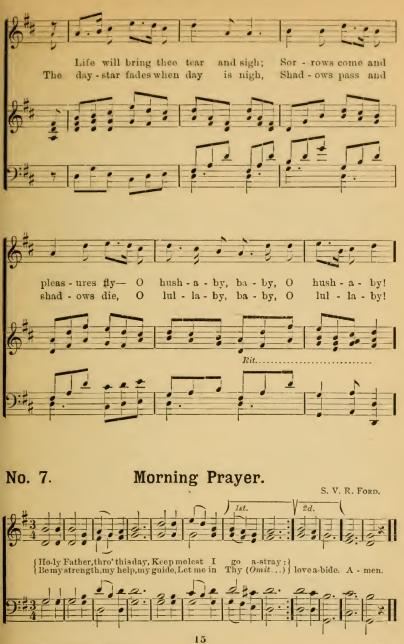
"The right," be your battle-cry ever In waging the warfare of life,

And God, who knows who are the heroes, Will give you the strength for the strife. -Phabe Cary.

Cradle Song.



Cradle Song.—Concluded.



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A Knotty Problem.

(RAY AND TIM-COMPANION RECITATIONS.)

Ray, a boy of six.

I'm only six years old, While brother Tim is eight; So I am catching up with Tim, you see; Because, when I was two, My brother Tim was four; Then I was only half as old as he.

Tim says I never can Catch up with him in age; But I should like to know the reason why; I've gained on him since he Was four, and I was two; Then Tim was just as old again as I.

Twice six are twelve; and twelve My brother Tim should be; But he don't keep as old again as I; I'm sad to think that Tim Is dull, and does not know That I must overtake him by and by.

It grieves me much to think That I was once so small; Why, I was only 'bout as high as that; But now I'm getting big, And bigger every day;

Tim, a boy of eight.

Just nineteen times a day Ray dings it in my ear, "I'll overtake you yet, dear brother Tim;" He gets all tangled up,

And cannot understand That I keep just two years ahead of him.

When Ray was one year old My age was three times his-I'm bothered over that, I'm free to say; But I shall hold my tongue, For I should have no peace If that conundrum should occur to Ray.

I know that Ray is young, Of course, and cannot solve Great problems quite as readily as I; Perhaps he's dull; but then In age it's plain that Ray Will never overtake me by and by.

But Ray is growing tall, And fatter than a scal; While I, in weight, seem daily growing less; What if he says, "Dear Tim, The dates are wrong: at four I tell you, Ray, you're growing tall and fat! I was as old again as you, I guess!"

Once in Royal David's City.

(RECITATION FOR SIX SCHOLARS.)

First.

Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her baby, In a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

Second.

He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all, And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall: With the poor, and mean, and lowly, Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

Third.

And through all his wondrous childhood He would honor and obey, Love, and watch the lowly maiden, In whose gentle arms he lay: Christian children all must be Mild, obedient, good as hc.

Fourth.

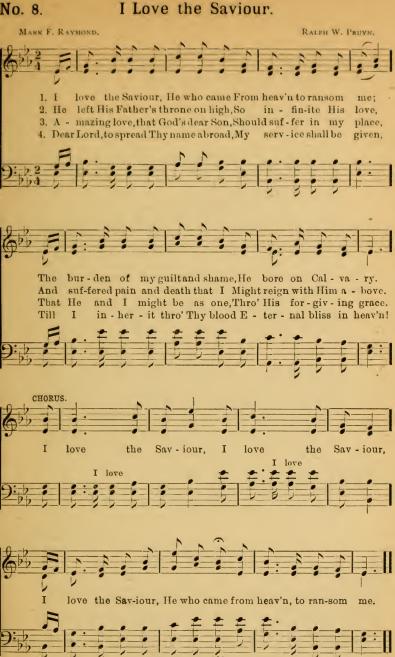
For he is our childhood's pattern, Day by day like us he grew; He was little, weak and helpless, Tears and smiles like us he knew: And he feeleth for our sadness, And he shareth in our gladness.

Fifth.

And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own redeeming love, For that Child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heaven above: And he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor, lowly stable, With the oxen standing by, We shall see him; but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high: When like stars his children crowned All in white shall wait around. -Mrs. Cecil F. Alexander.

I Love the Saviour.



Our Mission School.

(RECITATION.)

Only a little handful, we gathered them in the street. Children with heads uncovered—children with naked feet: Children whose eyes looked hungry-children that shook with cold, Children whose little faces were wasted and white and old.

Only a little building, twelve by twelve at the most, With five unpainted benches, and a crazy chair to boast. Two windows—one to the westward, looks at the setting sun. Pouring his last beams through it, just when our school is done.

There, on the Sabbath evening, many a month we've met, There, in that golden gleaming, you'll find us gathering yet. Sweetly the voices ring, and brightly the faces shine, And the golden sunlight touches all with a light divine.

And as we hear them singing songs of a Saviour's love, We think of the coming Sabbaths in heavenly courts above, Till, looking along the vista to those eternal years, Dim are our eyes with gladness, and the joy that touches tears.

'Tis not the children's faces we see in the shining gloom, 'Tis not the roughened benches, 'tis not the dingy room, Just for a moment brightly cometh a vision sweet, Of a host of shining angels treading a golden street;

Bearing seals in their foreheads, clad in garments of snow, Wearing no trace of sorrows met and vanquished below; Yet the glorified faces seen in that vision bright Strangely resemble those lifted to ours to-night.

Then with tender reverence, holding in closer clasp, Little fingers that tighten round ours in childish grasp; Looking down in the faces watching our own the while, Changing to ours with sadness, brightening with ours to smile.

We think of these little children as heirs of a home above, Blessed with a Father's blessing, loved with the Saviour's love, Treading the earth in sorrow, but bound for that better home, Where hunger, and want, and sickness, and toil shall never come.

What if this little building to them is the wicket gate, Leading away from danger, into the pathway straight! Something holy and joyous surely our work must be, Reaching beyond this present into eternity.

There, in that grand to-morrow, looking back if we may, Into the life and labor living on earth to-day, Truly I think remembrance, holy and pure and sweet, Will hallow the dim old room where we and the children meet. -Sunday School Times.

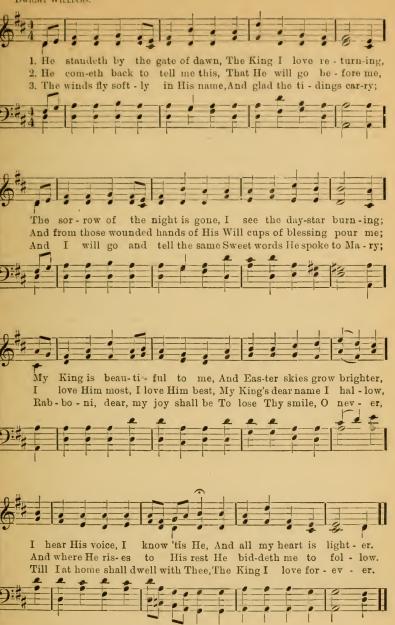
An Evening Prayer.

Now I lay me down to sleep, In thy shadows soft and deep; I pray thee, Lord, my soul to keep. I lay me down, Among thy shadows soft and dark and deep. In some deep dream and never here awake, I pray thee, Lord, A helpless soul that leans on thee to I trust thee, Lord, my sleeping soul to take.

If I should die before I wake, For thy unfailing mercy's sake, I pray thee, Lord, my soul to take.
If I should die, If I should die, -Mary A. Lathbury. Amen.

No. 9. The King I Love Forever.

DWIGHT WILLIAMS.



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Nellie's Gift.

"A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM."

Did you ever want anything awful bad, and then have it come? Then you know how I felt when the package came from my Auntie in New York, and I opened it and found a pair of real silk mitts. Jack said they were just "splendor-if-ie," and Jack's my brother, and he knows. I had wanted some for ever so long, but I didn't say much about it, 'cause when you live in a little cuddled-up home, and your papa has to buy bread and shoes for so many, the money all flies away before it gets around to what little girls want.

I don't know how Auntie found it out unless Santa Claus told her, and it wasn't near Christmas time, either. They were such pretty brown mitts. Tilly Jones said they were just the color of my hands, but I didn't care for that. Little hands will get brown when they weed the garden and do so many things. I looked at them 'most a hundred times in two days, I guess, and then it came Sunday. Wasn't I glad! I put them on and walked to church, just so. Jack said I hold my paws like a scared rabbit, but I didn't ever see a scared rabbit with mitts on. It isn't right to think too much about what you wear when you go to Sunday School, and by and by I didn't, for we had such a good Sunday School I forgot everything else.

A missionary man told all the folks about some poor little children away off: how the fire had burned down their school-house, and they hadn't any nice homes or clothes, or anything, but they were trying so hard to get along and to learn, and he said what was given to these little ones was just the same as giving to Jesus. Think of that! Just the same as giving to the dear Christ child! I just supposed every one would give. Why, some of the folks are worth as much as ten dollars, or a hundred, and yet that basket stayed 'most empty! I did wish I was rich, and all at once I remembered the poor widow in the Bible. I'd read that very morning how she had given her two mitts; every living mitt she had; it said so. I slipped mine off and dropped them into the basket, and I was glad, if my throat did choke all up. But pretty soon, when that basket was carried up, the gentleman picked them right out. "Has any little girl lost her gloves?" Nobody said anything, and he asked again, "Did any little girl drop her gloves in the basket by mistake?" It was awful still in that room, and I thought he was looking right at me, so I had to say something. "It wasn't a mistake," I told him, "I wanted to help and hadn't any money, but I knew how that poor woman in the Bible gave her two mitts, and so-" Then those folks just shouted, they did, and I felt as if I'd like to drop right down through the floor.

I knew I had made some dreadful blunder, but I couldn't see what; for if m-i-t-e-s don't spell mitts, what does it spell? 'Course I cried, but my teacher just put her arm right around me, and whispered, "Never mind, little Nellie," and she stood up and said, with her voice all trembling: "Dear friends, this little girl has given her greatest treasure. Have we older ones done as much?" Some way the money just poured into that basket after that, and the missionary looked gladder and gladder. They brought my mitts back to me, and my teacher said she would show me how to get some money to give. But, oh, how full that basket was! And when that gentleman counted it, his eyes grew all wet, and he said, softly (though I didn't know what he meant), "A little child shall lead them."

Selected.

RECITATION.

(FOR SIX SCHOLARS.)

First Scholar:

If you cannot on the ocean Sail among the swiftest fleet, Rocking on the highest billows, Laughing at the storms you meet, You can stand among the sailors, Anchored yet within the bay, You can lend a hand to help them As they hunch their boats away.

For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.

Second Scholar:

If you are too weak to journey Up the mountain steep and high, You can stand within the valley, While the multitude go by; You can chant in happy measure, As they slowly pass along; Though they may forget the singer, They will not forget the song.

O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord, bless His name; show forth His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the heathen, His wonders among all people.

Third Scholar:

If you have not gold and silver Ever ready to command; If you cannot toward the needy Reach an ever open hand, You can visit the afflicted, O'er the erring you can weep; You can be a true disciple Sitting at the Saviour's feet.

joy.

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Fourth Scholar:

If you cannot in the harvest Garner up the richest sheaf, Many a grain both ripe and golden · Will the careless reapers leave; Go and glean among the briers, Growing rank against the wall, For it may be that their shadow Hides the heaviest wheat of all.

Also I heard the voice of the Lord. saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

And He said, Go.

Fifth Scholar:

If you cannot in the conflict Prove yourself a soldier true, If, where fire and smoke are thickest, There's no work for you to do; When the battle-field is silent, You can go with careful tread. You can bear away the wounded, You can cover up the dead.

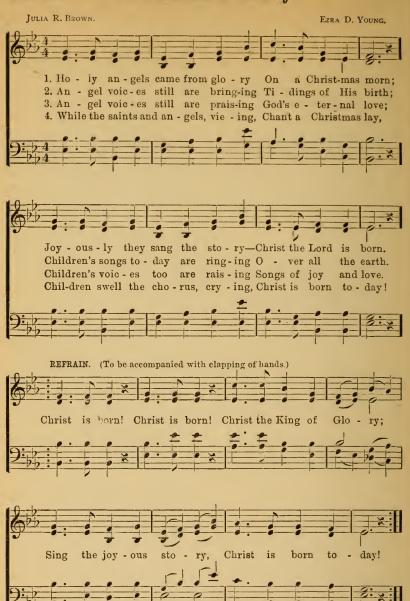
Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.

Sixth Scholar:

Do not, then, stand idly waiting For some greater work to do; Fortune is a lazy goddess, She will never come to you. Go and toil in any vineyard, Do not fear to do or dare, If you want a field of labor, You can find it anywhere.

And the lord said unto the servant, They that sow in tears shall reap in Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in.

No. 10. Christ is Born To-Day.



Note.—During the singing of the refrain, let the children clap their hands with a rhythmical or measured movement on the accented syllables.

No. 11.

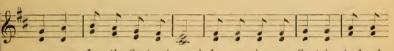
Little Soldiers.

(Marching Song.)



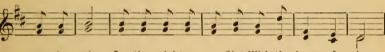
- 1. We are lit tle sol-diers, Fighting for the Lord, And our trusted
- 2. O'er us floats the ban-ner Of the King of kings; To the faith-ful
- 3. When the war is o-ver, Round the throne we'll meet, And lay down our



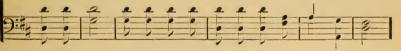


weap-on Is the Saviour's word; Je-sus is our Captain, And we're sol-dier Vic-to-ry it brings; They who fight beneath it Can-not ar-mor At the Saviour's feet: In that day of triumph Our re-





sure to win In the might-y con-flict With the hosts of sin.
suf-fer loss, For it is the standard Of the blood-stain'd cross.
ward shall be Crowns of fadeless glo-ry, Palms of vic - to - ry!





Marching, marching, Valiant soldiers we; Marching, marching, On to vic-to-ry!



I'm One Year Older.

(RECITATION BY A LITTLE BOY.)

I hope that everyone will hear Just what I have to say: I'm one year older than I was A year ago to-day!

Stars and Boys-Companion Recitations.

THE STARS.

(By a Girl.)

Up, very far away, From where we mortals stay, There are a lot of stars, And planets, such as Mars, That sparkle in the night With radiance pure and bright. Dark nights they never rest; 'Tis then they do their best, Because they seem to know We're watching them; and so, If they're not shining well The secret we may tell. But when the moon is full They're not so beautiful; Besides, they're tardy, too, And late in peeping through The curtain of the sky; Perhaps they do not try. Sometimes their light is pale; And then sometimes they fail To show themselves at all, If they are very small. Then, if the space o'erhead With clouds is overspread, They all keep out of sight And veil their pretty light. I wonder what they do When they are hid from view? They are not busy then; Perhaps, indeed, that's when They just put on their things And do their visitings.

THE BOYS.

(By a Boy.)

Down in the street, near by The flat we occupy, There are a lot of boys Who live to make a noise. * Snare drums are their best toy; Tin horns they "toot" for joy; They batter old tin pans, And kiek tomato eans; They hurl brickbats and stones At eats whom no one owns, And vagrant dogs, till they Howl, and then limp away. But when "the Fourth" returns, My, how the powder burns! The fireeracker snaps; Toy pistol's fatal caps Their deadly work begin, While "barkers" swell the din; Sky rockets sizz and glare, While eannon rend the air; Torpedoes far resound; Snakes hiss and sputter round; And when the uproar lags, And patriotism flags, Boys fire it up again By blowing up the Maine! And not till they have spent Their all are they content; Then on the following morn, They find the old tin horn And "toot" it o'er and o'er, And drum, just as of yore!

Hurrah for the Rain!

(DIALOGUE FOR A BOY AND HIS MOTHER.)

Jamie.—O dear, it is raining! I eannot go out;
I'll just be uneasy and fretful, and pout;
I hate the old raindrops and wish they would stay
Right where they belong, in the clouds far away.
If I owned the sky I should batten the floor,
So that raindrops could never drip through any more.

Mother.—Why, Jamie, it shocks me to hear you complain, Because in his goodness God sends us the rain; Suppose that your wish should be granted! just think—You never would have any water to drink, Nor clothing, nor food, and ere long you would die For lack of the raindrops that fall from the sky.

Jamie.—In thinking it over I guess that is true;
But since we must have them why would it not do
If they were poured out in a bunch, quick as seat,
Instead of just petering down pit a pat?
And why can't they fall quite as well in the night,
And not when I'm wishing to fly my new kite?

Mother.—Dear Jamie, the Being who sends us the rain,
Knows best how to send it; and, if we complain
It's because we are thoughtless; and now, let me say,
If you were a farmer, and needed the hay,
The wheat, oats, and barley, and all kinds of grain,
Though it wrecked a new kite you would welcome the rain.

Jamie.—Well, I'm not a granger; but, when I am grown,
I may run a big ranch in some far Western town;
And, like all great ranchmen, I'll raise, if you please,
Immense flocks of ducks, and of ganders and geese;
And then I'll be shouting, while staying indoors,
"Hurrah for the rain! I don't care if it pours!"

Father.

As a little child my first prayer was learnt from my father's lips; my first introduction to the Bible, which he honored too much to make a task book, was from spelling out the words of the first chapter of the Sermon on the Mount, as it lay on his study table; my earliest lessons of the love and beauty hid in every created thing, were from the stores of his observant mind; my deepest and holiest teachings, too sacred for more than a mere allusion, were given often in the dead of the night, when I was sitting up, sometimes alone, by my father's dying bed.—Thomas Hood.

Mother.

My mother was an amiable, sensitive, pious, and devoted woman, who taught her children the fear of God by her godly teachings and spotless life. She often led me outside the city, and showed me the works of God; she pointed me with devout feelings to the omnipotence, wisdom, and goodness of God, and inspired my heart with a deep reverence for the Creator of all things. I shall never forget my mother, for it was she who planted and strengthened my first germ of goodness; she opened my heart to the impressions of nature; she awakened and advanced my conceptions; and it has been her instructions that have exerted a permanent and wholesome influence upon my life.—Immanuel Kant.

Talking Too Much.

(RECITATION FOR FOUR BOYS.)

First.

Once on a time, the story goes,
A boy was talked to death;
So with these few remarks I'll close,
Before I lose my breath.

Second.

If that boy talked himself to death
He feared to stop, that's why;
For what if he should hold his breath
Too long! then he would die!

Third.

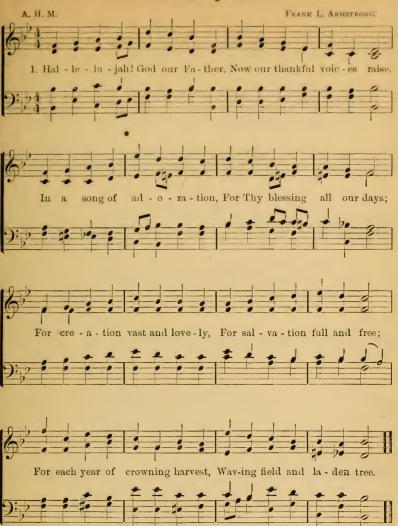
The youngster in the tale, I know,
Talked some one else to death;
Perhaps you'll take the hint and go,
For I have lots of breath!

Fourth.

I really think if I should try
That I could talk all day;
So I'll begin and end, for I
Have nothing more to say!

JULIA R. BROWN. EZRA D. YOUNG. On -1. Christ, the Lord, who died for me, the cross of Cal - va - ry; To the wond'ring an - gels show 2. Shall I spurn His grace, and so 3. Nay, dear Lord, on Thee I call; Un - to Thee I yield my all; the ful-ness of His love, Pleads for me in heav'n a - bove. That He suffered grief and pain-Bled and died for in vain? me Make me pure, and meek, and mild, Save me as lit - tle Je - sus pleads for Je - sus pleads for Je - sus pleads for me, Je - sus pleads for me. His love, Je - sus pleads for me. the ful - ness of

Hallelujah!



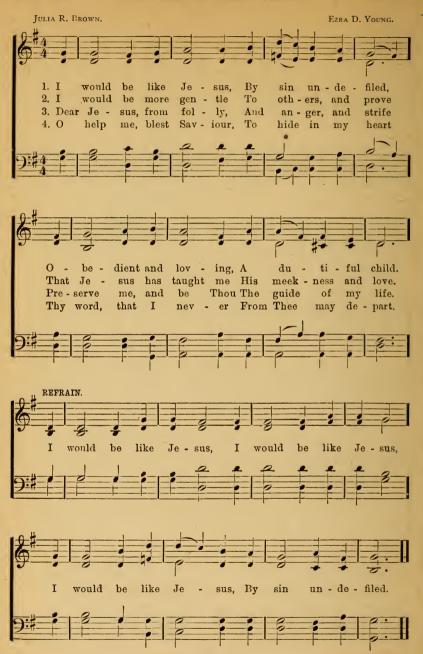
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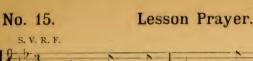
2 For a purer, sweeter freedom
Than our father's sires e'er saw;
For our liberty of worship
Unrestrained by let or law;
For the freedom of the Spirit

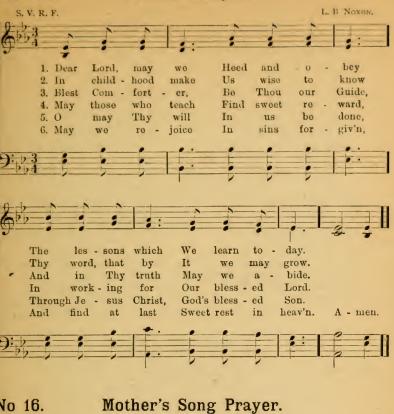
For the freedom of the Spirit
Wherewith Christ makes all men
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! [free;
Hallelujah] God to Thee.

3 For the armies of the faithful,
'Neath the gospel flag unfurled,
In Thy name, who seek the conquest
Of the Kingdoms of this world;
For their still increasing ardor,
Centuries can never cool;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God of Church and Sunday-School,

No. 14. I would be Like Jesus.







No 16.





Child's Evening Prayer.

Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep; If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take .- Amen.

Little Eyes.

(MOTION RECITATION FOR THREE LITTLE GIRLS.)

First-Little Eyes.

Little eyes,
Like the shining blue above,
Full of light and love,
Full of glee;
Telling of a life within,
In a world of sin,
Born to you and me!
Will they see the golden way
Leading up to day?
And the God to whom we pray
In the skies?

Second-Little Hands.

Little hands
In the long and weary strife
Of a toiling life,
Will they win?
Will they early learn to bless?
Rescue from distress?
Will they fear to sin?
For the true, the good, the right,
Will they bravely fight?
Strew along the paths of night
Golden sands?

Third-Little Feet.

Little feet
Entered on a thorny way;
Will it lead to day
And renown?
As the rugged steps are trod
Will they elimb to God,
And a scraph's crown?
Where the laving Surjour go

And a scraph's crown?

Where the loving Saviour goes,
Finding friends or foes,
Will they follow, till life's close,
As is meet?

All—Little Eyes, Hands, Feet.

Little eyes,

May they wear an angel's guise
In the upper skies!
Little hands,
May they, doing God's commands,
Rest in fairer lands!
May these little feet
Thee, dear Saviour, run to meet
At thy mercy seat;
And with joy for sins forgiven,
Press to heaven!

—Dewdrops and Sunshine.

A Wound and a Kiss.

CHARACTERS: Mrs. May and her Daughter Nellie; Mrs. Morton and her Daughter Mattie.

In Nellie's Home.—Nellie:

I struck Mattie Morton, dear mother, to-day, While she and her brother and I were at play, And she went home crying, and Harold cried too, Though I had done nothing to make him "boo-hoo!" And now till I find some one other than Matt, I must play by myself, and I'm sorry for that.

Nellie's Mother:

My dear, I'm astonished that you should express No sorrow for Mattie; for while you confess That you were the cause of her crying, you seem To eare nothing for it: you cannot esteem Her friendship of value: and now, I must know What Mattie had done that you dealt her a blow.

Nellie:

You see we were rolling our hoops all in line, When Mattie's hoop happened to roll against mine, And I was provoked, and just gave her a rap On the back of her hand, just a smart little tap; And then she eried out, and went home on a run, And Harold went too, so that spoiled all our fun.

Nellie's Mother :

Dear Nellie, your conduct has caused me great pain; You wronged a dear friend and your duty is plain; Be true to yourself and delay not to go.
To Mattie, confessing your fault, and thus show Your sorrow, and ask her forgiveness, and then Assure her that you will ne'er harm her again.

In Mattie's Home. - Mattie :

O, mother, my hand is all turned black and blue Where Nellie May struck it; O, what shall I do! I thought I should keep it a secret, and so I told Harold that he must not tell, for you know I dislike to complain; but, howe'er I may try, The pain is so great that I cannot but cry.

Mattie's Mother :

Your hand is indeed badly swollen and sore; You ought to have told me about it before; You might have been spared much of suffering, I'm sure, By promptly availing yourself of a cuve; Take this and apply it; and now, Mattie dear, Of the cause of your trouble I'm anxious to hear.

Mattie:

You see we were rolling our hoops side by side When, all of a sudden, mine wobbled and shied, And ran against Nellie's and knocked it down flat; Then Nellie was angry, and swinging her bat, She struck me like that, though I was not to blame, And a lady who saw it, cried out, "O for shame!"

Mattie's Mother:

Dear Mattie, the spirit you show makes me glad; And while your misfortune and suffering are sad, Be patient, and let not revenge find a place In your heart, but entreat the good Lord that his grace May help you, and also that Nellie may win The viet'ry o'er selfishness, temper, and sin.

Nellie in Mattie's Home:

Dear Mattie, I'm filled with the keenest regret; How greatly I wronged you I ne'er can forget—

Mattie :

But I can, dear Nellie; now kiss me once more-

Nellie:

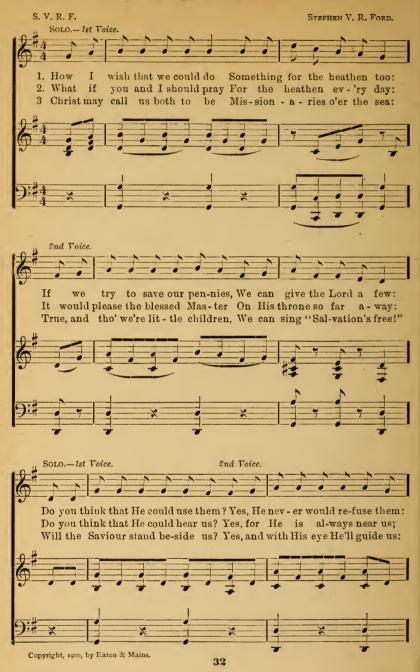
Dear Mattie, I love you as never before.

Nellie and Mattie:

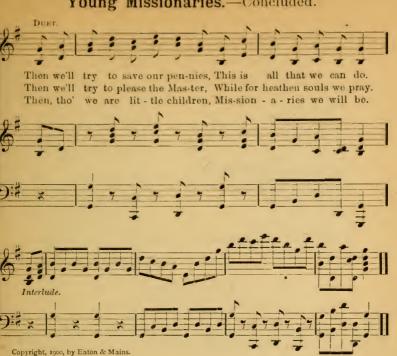
And now we've made up, and the moral is this: A hurt never lasts quite as long as a kiss!

Note.—Two groups, representing the two homes, with an elderly lady and a miss of ten or twelve years in each on the platform, as far separated from each other as may be, the alternating conversations to occur as indicated. Before the closing verse Nellie goes to Mattie. The asterisks indicate the "making up" scene, the kissing and embracing, after which both misses turn to the audience and recite the "moral."

No. 17. Young Missionaries.



Young Missionaries.—Concluded.



No. 18. To God, the Father, Son.



If I Were a Sunbeam.

(A RECITATION FOR FIVE LITTLE GIRLS.)

If I were a sunbeam, So pure and so bright, To make some one happy Would be my delight; "The wings of the morning" Would speed me along, And earth would awaken To gladness and song.

If I were a sunbeam, I gladly would tell Some poor, guilty prisoner Confined in a cell That sunbeams, like raindrops, From heaven descend, The good and the evil Alike to befriend.

If I were a sunbeam, Swift-winged I should fly To homes where God's "little ones" Suffer and die:

To kiss up the teardrops From sorrowing eyes, And light the lone pathway From earth to the skies.

If I were a sunbeam, My joy would be found In seeking some meadow Where flowers abound; The lilies and daisies And pansies would yield New fragrance and beauty, To garnish the field.

If I were a sunbeam, How proud I should be To hear the glad tribute, "God's sunlight is free!" O how I should scatter Night's shadows away. And share in the welcome. Hail, king of the day!

-Stephen V. R. Ford, in The Christian Advocate.

Andy and Tony.

(RECITATION FOR TWO SMALL BOYS.)

Note.—The two boys, aged respectively eight and six years, stand so nearly facing each other on the platform that they can cast glances at each other while addressing the audience. They should indicate their meaning with their hands at the words, "about as big as that," in Andy's part, and, "is so tall," in Tony's response.

First: Tony, as seen from Andy's stand- | Second: Andy, as seen from Tony's standpoint.

Tony is just a little boy, About as big as that; He seems so very small to me Because I'm big and fat.

Tony declares that he can eat Ten pancakes: think of that! Why, four are just enough for me, Though I'm so big and fat.

Tony has got a sweetheart now! He's only six at that; But I'm not head and ears in love, If I am big and fat.

Tony just aches to play with me, But what care I for that! It seems to me he quite forgets That I am big and fat.

point.

Andy just thinks he's awful big Because he is so tall; Well I can grow as big, you see, But Andy can't grow small!

Andy has got a pair of boots With tops all bound with red, And Andy's little sister says He wears his boots to bed,

Andy once had a sweetheart too, When he was young and plain; But 'Liza mittened him, they say, Because he grew so vain.

Andy and I are out, but soon He'll come around again And say, "Dear Tony, you're real nice!" And then-I'll take him in!

The Death of Little Children.

God lends his "little ones" to earth; Angels convey them from his throne; We gladly celebrate their birth, And fondly prize them as our own.

Heaven claims the fairest as its right, And ere to earth their hearts are wed, God takes them back to realms of light And leaves us to lament our dead.

God doth appoint our infancy;
"Heaven lies about us;" then our ways

Run parallel with his, and he
His guiding love toward us displays.

Life's silver cords of God are given,
And if to evil they are prone,
He oft recalls them back to heaven
And links them to his golden throne.

And if, forsooth, the precious ties
Thus early severed by his hand
Bear our affections to the skies,
And bind them to the Fatherland,

Then 'twere no mystery why God Transfers his innocents, in love, From earth to his divine abode, To adorn the fairer realms above. And he, in his good time, will show
His full designs; for, "What I do
Thou knowest not now, but thou shalt
know
Hereafter," said the Christ, who knew

That doubts would vex, and fears dismay, And questionings distract us quite; And with this promise we can pray For faith to lend its wings to sight.

Now God in vain attempts to show
That he afflicts us for our good;
Then 'twill be plain; for we shall know
The allness of his Fatherhood.

Till then 'twere wisdom to draw near To him who holds the chastening rod; He speaks in love, 'tis ours to hear— "Be still, and know that I am God!"

Temperance Hymn.

Tune, "AULD LANG SYNE," No. 29.

1 Of all the tints the light looks on,
However bright their hue,
There's none that speaks of brighter things
Than does the bit of blue.

Refrain: The bonnie bit of blue, my friends,
The bonnie bit of blue,
It tells of hope, it tells of joy,
The bonnie bit of blue.

2 Come, wear the blue—you cannot know The good that you may do, By joining in a noble cause, The Army of the blue.—Ref.

3 Then wear the blue above the heart That's brave and warm and true, And never be ashamed to show The bonnie bit of blue.—Ref.

-Anon.

The Resurrection.

(FOR THREE SCHOLARS.)

First.

Sown in the darkness, but to bloom again, When, after winter's reign, Jesus is reaping

The seed now quietly sleeping, Ah, praise his name!

Second.

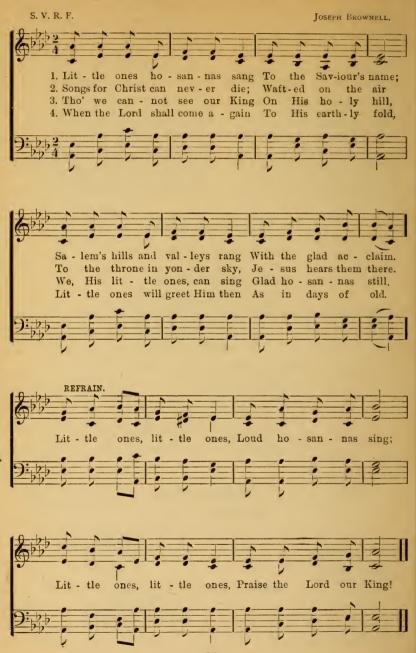
Then as they who dream we shall arise With Jesus to the skies,

And find that morrow, The weary pilgrim's sorrow All past and gone!

Third.

Then, within the holiest, I shall tread, By my Redeemer led,
Through heaven soaring,
His holy name adoring
Eternally!—Selected.

No. 19. Little Ones Hosannas Sang.



A Cluster of Gems.

Too much of joy is sorrowful, So cares must needs abound; The vine that bears too many flowers Will trail upon the ground.

- Alice Cary.

Howe'er it be, it seems to me, 'Tis only noble to be good; Kind hearts are more than coronets, And simple faith than Norman blood. - Tennyson.

A kindly act is a kernel sown, That will grow to a goodly tree, Shedding its fruit when time has flown Down the gulf of eternity. -John Boyle O' Reilly.

The man who has a thousand friends llas not a friend to spare; But he who has an enemy Will meet him everywhere.

-Emerson.

lle's true to God who's true to man; Wherever wrong is done To the humblest and the weakest 'Neath the all beholding sun, That wrong is also done to us, And they are slaves most base Whose love of right is for themselves, And not for all their race. - Lowell.

God's justice is a bed where we Our anxious hearts may lay, And, weary with ourselves, may sleep Our discontent away. For right is right, since God is God; And right the day must win; To doubt would be disloyalty, To falter would be sin. - Faher,

Be not like a stream that brawls Loud with shallow waterfalls; But in quiet self-control Link together soul and soul.

-Longfellow.

My Choice.*

(A HUMOROUS RECITATION FOR FOUR GIRLS AND FOUR BOYS.)

First Girl.

My choice? A doll, of course! that's why!

A doll that can be made to erv; With rosy cheeks and dimples, rare, And winking eyes, and golden hair.

First Boy.

My choice? Of course, a pair of skates; I guess my shoes are number eights; But, if the skates too short should be, I'd eut the shoes to fit, you see.

Second Girl.

My choice? A bird that sweetly sings, With vellow breast and golden wings; A male canary, that's the kind; The cage ?-the loveliest you can find.

Second Boy.

My choice? An air gun it shall be, Opening when pressed against one's knee; Of course, a bullet-shooting gun-With paper wads there is no fun.

Third Girl.

My choice? A cradle, nice and strong, Eight inches wide and twenty long, For Topsy,-that's my dolly's name, Though she's a white girl "just the same."

Third Boy.

My choice? An awful big tin horn, One blast from which will wake the morn, And banish sleep for miles around With its ear-splitting, horrid sound.

Fourth Girl.

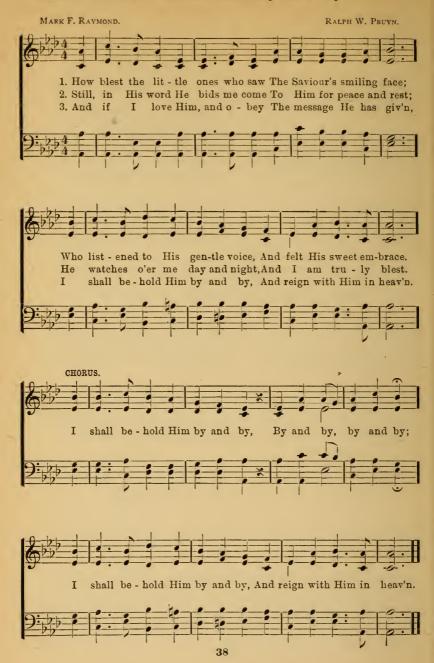
My choice? A kitten that ean mew; Maltese preferred, but black will do, So long as it has glossy fur And is provided with a purr!

Fourth Boy.

My choice? A drum chock full of noise; A snare drum, such as merry boys Beat till the neighbors, driven mad, In Tophet wish both drum and lad!

* Select for this recitation four girls and four boys of about ten years of age. Arrange them in two lines facing each other. The articles desired should be placed in paper bags, large and uniform in size in order that the article which they contain, respectively, cannot be known excepting by the person who distributes the bags. An attendant asks each member of the group, beginning at number one, What is your choice? As soon as the answer is given a bag tied with a ribbon is brought to the platform and placed in front of the speaker. When the recitations are concluded the bags are untiled by the respective recipients and their contents taken out. care having been taken to so distribute the packages that no one of the choosers receives the desired article. Surprise, confusion, the exchanging of the articles, the tooting of the horn and the tapping of the drum are calculated to create a vast deal of merriment.

No. 20. I Shall Behold Him By and By.



Are You God's Wife?

Amid the city's busy whirl, A poor, neglected little girl Dodged in and out, while passing through The crowd that thronged the avenue, Until at last she stood before The spacious window of a store, Which fairly grouned beneath the weight Of things too numerous to state-Cakes, pies and bread, and candy toys; Cats, dogs and roosters, girls and hoys-So placed that they should tempt the eye Of every hungry passer-by. Upon this extra fine display, Made for the Christmas holiday, The famished little creature gazed Until her mind seemed fairly dazed, So vast and wondrous was the store Of things she saw to ponder o'er. Though cold and stormy was the night, The child seemed spell-bound by the sight; And while the bustling throng paused not, She lingered, loath to leave the spot; For well she knew, or thought at least, That her bright eyes alone could feast Upon the things before them placed,

Not one of which she hoped to taste. While thus she lingered in the storm, A lady spied her shriveled form. And, touched with His own sympathy, Who gave himself for you and me, She hastened through the open door, And purchasing a goodly store Of cakes, and nuts, and candy toys-The things that brighten Christmas joys-Withdrew, and in an instant stood Beside the child who needed food. " My dear, here are some things for you,-Cakes, nuts and toys, and candies, too; They are my gift on Christmas eve. And now, before I take my leave, A merry Christmas and good cheer I wish you; so good-bye, my dear." Then quick the shawl which overspread The child's wan face and hatless head Flew open, and two sparkling eyes, First glancing at the wondrous prize, Next met the lady's kindly gaze, When, with an air of heavenly grace, The child revealed her better life By this appeal: "Are you God's wife?"

A Creed.

(RECITATION.)

I believe in God above;
I believe in Jesus' love;
I believe his Spirit, too,
Comes to teach me what to do.
I believe that I must be
True and good, dear Lord, like thee.
—Selected.

A Message.

(RECITATION.)

Every little plant that grows,
Every little grassy blade,
Every little dewdrop shows
Jesus cares for all he made;
Jesus loves, and Jesus knows!
So you need not be afraid!
—Frances R. Havergal.

Baby Sleep.

(Motion Recitation for Two Little Girls.)

First.

Two little hands,
Chubby and warm;
Two little rosy cheeks
Perfect in form;
Two tiny golden curls,
On her pure brow,
Resting so daintily
Always, as now.

Second.

Two little heavy eyes
Dewy with sleep,
Angels above them
Vigils will keep.
Jesus will care for thee
Safe in his love,
Dream, little slumberer,
Watched from above.

-Selected,

No. 21. The Temperance Banner.



- 2 Fight on! fight on for Temperance, Nor let your courage fail, The Lord is just and mighty, And right shall e'er prevail. Though fierce may be the conflict, Though noisy be the fray, Yet ours shall be the triumph, Success shall crown the day.
- 3 Soon will a brighter morrow
 Succeed this pleasant day,
 When drink, and sin, and sorrow,
 Shall fly far, far away.
 Then let us tune our voices,
 And sweeter anthems raise,
 While earth with heav'n rejoices
 In songs of holy praise.
 Selected

No 22. Keep Me Day by Day.



Thy Child I Would Be.

(RECITATION FOR THREE SCHOLARS.)

First.

My Father in heaven
Beholds with delight
The tiniest flower
That blooms in his sight;
Though never so humble
No flower, I ween,
That God has embellished
E'er blushes unseen.

Second.

The birds of the woodland
That carol their lays,
Partake of God's bounty
While chanting his praise;
The myriad insects
That sport in the air
Exist for his pleasure,
And challenge his care.

Third.

And shall I distrust him,
Whose fatherly love
Hath sent for my ransom
The Christ from above;
Who with him assures me
That all things are mine,
If all to his pleasure
I freely resign?

All

My Father in heaven
Thy child I would be;
My love and my service
All given to thee;
That I may inherit
The gift of thy love,
A crown of bright glory
In heaven above.

Little Acts of Kindness.

(RECITATION FOR SIX LITTLE GIRLS.)

First.

Little acts of kindness,
Trifling though they are,
How they serve to brighten
This dark world of care.

Second.

Little acts of kindness,

How they cheer the heart!

What a world of gladness

Will a smile impart.

Third.

Little acts of kindness, O how potent they To dispel the shadows Of life's cloudy day!

Fourth.

How a gentle accent Calms the troubled soul When the waves of passion O'er it wildly roll! Fifth.

You may have around you Sunshine if you will, Or a host of shadows Gloomy, dreary, chill.

Sixth.

If you want the sunshine, Smile, though sad at heart; To the poor and needy Kindly aid impart.

All.

Little acts of kindness
Nothing do they cost,
Oft when they are wanting
Life's best charm is lost.
Little acts of kindness,
Richest gems of earth,
Though they seem but trifles,
Priceless is their worth.

-Selected.

Mamma's Kisses.

A kiss when I wake in the morning, A kiss when I go to bed; A kiss when I burn my fingers,

kiss when I burn my fingers, A kiss when I bump my head.

A kiss when my bath is over,
A kiss when my bath begins;
My mamma is full of kisses—
As full as nurse is of pins.

A kiss when I play with "rattle,"
A kiss when I pull her hair;
She covered me over with kisses
The day I fell from the stair.

A kiss when I give her trouble,
A kiss when I give her joy;
There's nothing like mamma's kisses
To her own little baby boy.

-Selected.

Johnny May's Adventures.

(RECITATION FOR FIVE LADS.)

I. Coasting.

"That boy," Johnny May,

Went coasting one day, fof eels: Where the hill was as slipp'ry as a gallon His sleigh struck a stone,

Theels! And Johnny was thrown Up, heels over head, and down, head over

II. Fishing. .

"That boy," Johnny May, While fishing, one day, Grew drowsy, and into the river he fell! A man heard him shout,

And, fishing him out, [him well. III. Fighting.

"That boy," Johnny May, While fighting, one day, [second best, Had his eyes both adorned and came out

"Johnny May, you come here!" 'Twas his father; O, dear! [the rest. Who led Johnny home, where a strap did

IV. Skating.

"That boy," Johnny May, While skating, one day,

Plunged into a hole like a bushel of lead. Of course he went down,

But, ere he could drown, Sent him home to get dry, after scolding A man pulled him out by the hair of his

V. Shooting.

"That boy," Johnny May, Was fooling one day With a rifle, when, bang! went the gun, and at once

His brother fell flat, With a ball through his-hat!

"Didn't know it was loaded." Of course not; the dunce!

At Jesus's Feet.

(RECITATION FOR FOUR SCHOLARS.)

First.

I love to sit at Jesus' feet And hear the wondrous story, How angels came from heaven to greet The Lord of life and glory, When he, the Prince of Peace, was born, At Bethlehem, on Christmas morn.

Second.

But sweeter still, it is to know, That Jesus' life was given To save my soul from guilt and woe, And win me back to heaven; For "little ones" like me he died-For me my Lord was crucified.

Third.

Now from his throne in heaven above, Where he has gone before me, He sends me tokens of his love, And kindly watches o'er me; The Shepherd of my soul he is-He knows my name and calls me his.

Fourth.

And if I love him to the end No earthly foe can sever My soul from him, my constant Friend, My hope and joy forever; He'll lead me with his mighty hand In safety to the better land.

"Inasmuch."

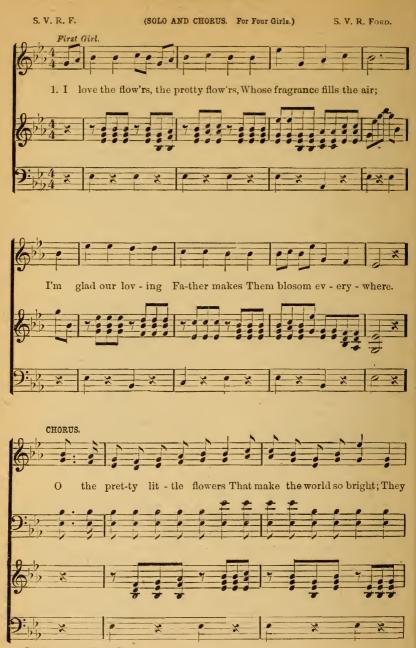
When one of the boys in John Falk's Reformatory, at Halle in Germany, on a certain evening had invoked this divine blessing on their supper, "Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and bless what thou hast provided," another boy looked up and asked, "Do tell me why the Lord Jesus never comes? We ask him every day to sit with us, and he never comes." "Dear child," replied Father Falk, "only believe and you may be sure he will come, for he doesn't despise our invitation."

"I shall set him a seat," said the boy; and just then a knock being heard at the door, a poor apprentice came for admission. He was received, and invited to take the

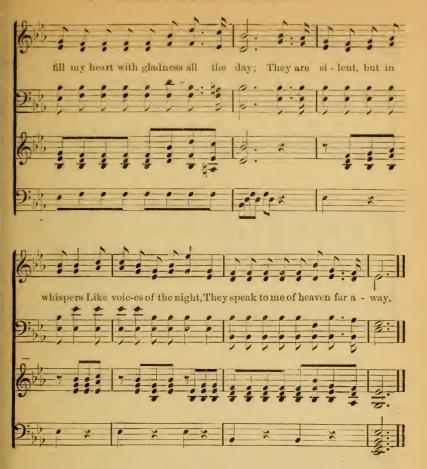
vacant chair at the table.

Then said the inquiring boy again, "Jesus could not come, and so he sent this poor man in his place; is that it?" "Yes, dear child, that is just it. Every piece of bread and every drink of water that we give to the poor, or the sick, or the prisoners, for Jesus' sake, we give to him. 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." -Bishop Hurst's History of Rationalism.

What I Love:



What I Love.—Concluded.



Second Girl. 2 I love the charming little birds
That warble in the bowers;
Sometimes I think they're quite as sweet
And pretty as the flow'rs.—Cho.

Third Girl. 3 I love the stars that chase away

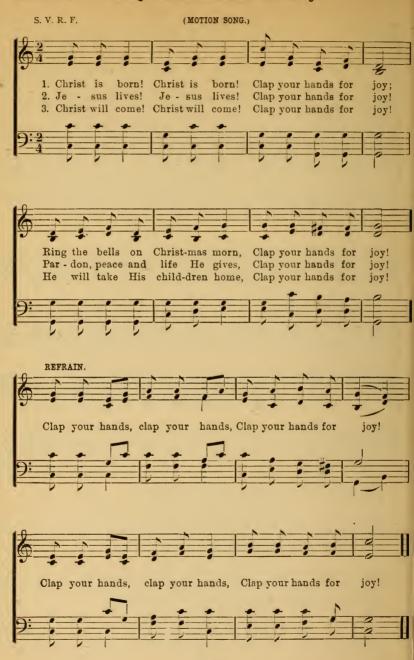
The darkness of the night;

Sometimes I call them angels' eyes,

Because they are so bright.—Cho.

Fourth Girl. 4 I love the sunbeams, for they paint
Bright spots upon the floor;
I used to try to pick them up,
But then I knew no more.—Cho.

NO. 24. Clap Your Hands for Joy!



No. 25.

Joy and Gladness.

JOSEPH BROWNELL. in 1. Joy and glad-ness I have found, Trust-ing the Lord: am kept in per - fect peace, Trust-ing in the Lord; sweet-est rest, Trust-ing 3. Je - sus gives me With His peace my life is crowned, Trusting the Lord. in All my fears and trou - bles cease, Trusting in the Lord. dear breast, Trusting While I lean on His the Lord. in in the Lord, Lord; ... Trust-ing Trust-ing the Trust - ing in the Lord. Trust - ing in the Lord: and glad-ness I have found, Trust-ing the Lord. in

Missionary Concert Exercise.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: WITNESSES, THE PROPHETS.

(Dialogue and Recitations for Nine Speakers.)

First Speaker.—I am informed that you are not a believer in foreign missions.

Second Speaker .- Indeed, I am not.

First.—I am surprised at this, I can hardly imagine how anyone can withhold his sympathy from so important a cause.

Second.—I am not alone in my opposition to the enterprise. Multitudes of Christians share my opinion.

First.—Yes, I am aware of that. And now may I ask you to state some of the reasons for your hostility to foreign missions?

Second.—Certainly. In the first place, the demands of our Home work are so pressing that it seems a needless waste of money and effort to attempt the cultivation of foreign fields.

First.—In other words, you mean to say that we have heathen enough at home.

Second.—Yes. The whole world is flooding our land with ignorant and degraded people. Why not Christianize them before crossing the sea to reform foreign peoples?

First.—I grant the need of vastly increased effort for the conversion of the heathen among us. But just here let me ask, Where do we find "Darkest America?" Is it not in our great cities, the centers of foreign population?

Second.—To be sure it is.

First.—Very well. Now the way to cleanse a stream is to purify the fountain whence it flows. Hence I argue that it is better to begin with the children of foreign lands who are to be turned in upon us a few years hence, than it is to wait until they come to us with their habits and practices formed before we attempt to save them.

Second.—There is force in that argument, I admit. But, in the second place, I have very little faith in the final redemption of the world to Christ.

First.—Concerning this opinion let me say that, whatever you and I may think, we must appeal to "the law and the testimony" rather than to either our prejudice or judgment. What is the testimony of God's word concerning this matter? This must govern our thoughts, our plans, and our efforts. And now I will

SUMMON THE WITNESSES.

Amos, What is your testimony touching this matter?

Third.—And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith

the Lord thy God.

Daniel, What prophetic vision was given you of the Messiah's kingdom and reign?

Fourth.—And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom, that which shall not be destroyed.

And the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.

And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

DAVID, How extensive is the worship of the Lord Jehovah to become?

Fifth.—All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Habakkuk, What of the spread of the knowledge of the Lord's glory?

Sixth.—For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Hosea, How long shall the name of the Messiah endure?

Seventh.—And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.

There shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon; and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

His name shall endure forever; his name shall be continued as long as the sun; and men shall be blessed in him; all

nations shall call him blessed.

ISAIAH, Tell us of the increase of Christ's kingdom.

Eighth.—And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all mittons shall flow unto it.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

ZEPHANIAH, What of Christ's dominion in the earth?

Ninth.—The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with sing-

mg.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jernsalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; . . . und he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth.

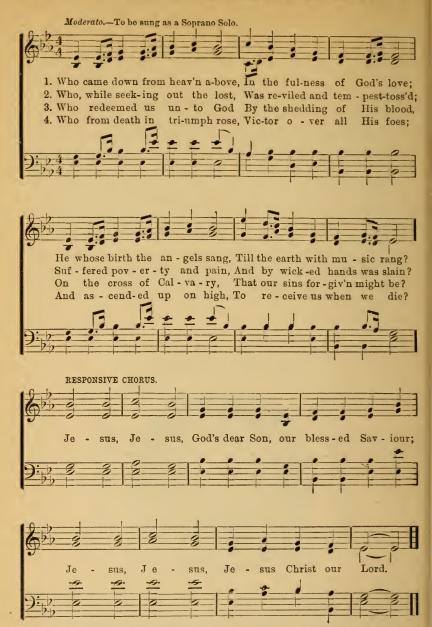
First.—This in part is the testimony of prophecy. Further than this, we have the great commission given by the risen Lord to his ministers, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature," and the Revelator's assurance that "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ." "What need we any further witnesses?"

Second.—The testimony is overwhelming. It comes to me as a revelation, and henceforth you may count me an ardent advocate rather than an opponent of foreign missions.



Note.—Have the speakers seated upon the pulpit platform, the first and second at the front with a small table containing an open Bible; have also upon the platform, if practicable, a large cross covered with evergreens. After the opening dialogue the seven witnesses representing the prophets rise when called to testify, and recite the Scripture passages assigned to them. With a little care and thorough drill this exercise will furnish an interesting feature of the service.

No. 26. Who came Down from Heaven Above?*



* The stanzas, forming a series of questions, should be sung as a Soprano Solo by the teacher, or a competent singer; the chorus, responsive to the questions, to be sung by the scholars only.

No. 27. The Spiritual Harvest.

(RECITATION AND SONG FOR FOUR SCHOLARS.)

RECITATION.

First Scholar:

In the morning sow thy seed and in the evening withold not thine hand.

Singing by the class:

Sow in the morn thy seed;

At eve hold not thy hand:

To doubt and fear give thou no heed,— Broadcast it o'er the land.

RECITATION.

Second scholar:

For thou knowest not whether shall prosper either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.

Singing:

Thouknow'st not which shall thrive,—
The late or early sown;

Grace keeps the precious germ alive, When and wherever strown:

RECITATION.

Third scholar:

Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters.....God giveth the increase.....

First the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

Singing:

And duly shall appear,
In verdure, beauty, strength,
The tender blade, the stalk, the ear,
And the full corn at length.

RECITATION.

Fourth scholar:

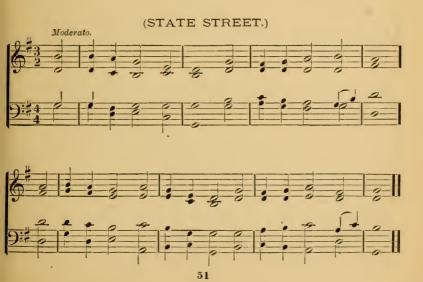
They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.... And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth, and he that reapeth, may rejoice together.

Singing:

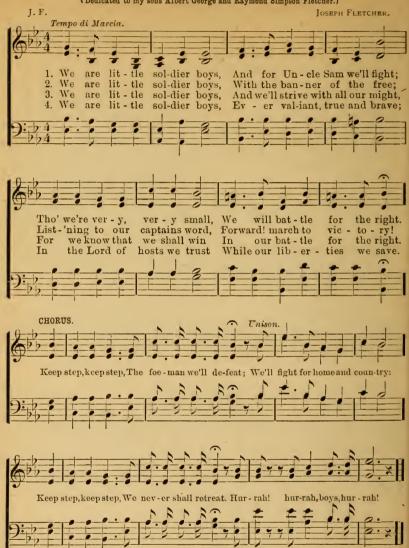
Thou canst not toil in vain.

Cold, heat, and moist, and dry,
Shall foster and mature the grain

For garners in the sky.



(Dedicated to my sons Albert George and Raymond Simpson Fletcher.)



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^{*} The boys march up the aisle to the platform, dressed in soldiers uniform, and armed with guns, keeping step to the music; they are not to sing while marching. On reaching the platform they form in double rows, with the smaller boys in front. During the singing, and until the Chorus is reached, they stand perfectly still. While the Chorus is being rendered, however, they should keep step to the music. On coming to the words, "we'll fight for home and country" they should "present arms," and pretend to fire. During the march to the platform the tune should be played to the Chorus only, and may be repeated. If full uniforms are not obtainable, caps of one pattern should be provided; these can be made at a trifling cost.

No. 29.

Closing Exercises.

MOTION PRAYER.

As we raise our hands toward the sky above.

We remember God's banner o'er us is love.

And we bow our heads again in prayer, Giving ourselves to His loving care.

May the lesson learned in our hearts sink deep;

Dear Lord, between us a loving watch keep.

May we show this week in our work and play

That we've learned of Thee on this holy day.

Take Thou, we pray, each little hand, And lead us all to the better land. TEACHERS' PARTING. (Heads kept bowed.)

Remember God is watching you, For whether wrong or right

No child in all this busy world
Is ever out of sight.

Yes, He who blessed the little ones
Is marking all you do, [deed

Then let each word and thought and Be honest, brave, and true.

CLOSING PRAYER.

Dear Saviour, ere we part
We lift our hearts to Thee
In gratitude and praise

For blessings full and free. Go with us to our homes,

Watch o'er and keep us there, And make us, one and all,

The children of Thy care. Amen. From "Primary Sunday School Service."



Jesus' Name.*

(RECITATION AND SONG FOR THREE MISSES.)
Emblems:—STAR, CROSS, CROWN.

JESUS, O BLESSED NAME!



RECITATIONS.

First.—Emblem, a Star.

Jesus, Name sent from heaven;
By God's archangel given,
This Name I bring;
To me 'tis dearer far
Than names of angels are—
The bright and morning Star—

His praise I sing.

SECOND.—Emblem, a Cross.

I, too, with joy confess
The Name I daily bless—
Jesus divine;
At His dear Cross I win
The victory over sin—
Comfort and peace within—
Such joys are mine.

* The first and the last verses should be sung to the same tune. The emblems should be large enough to be easily seen by the members of the congregation, and sufficiently artistic to be attractive. At every allusion to them, they should be conspicuously displayed.

Jesus' Name.—Concluded.

There. — Emblem, a Crown.

Jesus, God's only Son,

The Name that proudly won
In mortal strife
O'er death the victory,
Now reigns on high, that He
May give to you and me
The Crown of life.

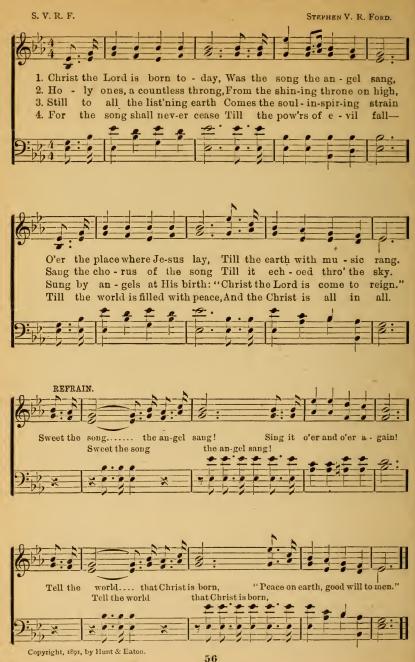
All sing:
Hail Star of Bethlehem!
No thorny diadem
Engirds Thy brow!
The Cross that bore Thy shame
Is hallowed by Thy Name—
And Thou art crowned with fame,
Eternal now!

No. 31. The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.



No. 32. Sweet the Song the Angels Sang.



Mites.

(RECITATION,)

Only a penny! a gift so small Seems scarcely worth the giving at all; But pennies multiplied, dollars make; So we'll gather the pennies for his dear sake.

Who suffered and died on the cross to

A world of sin from death and the grave.

It may be but a cup of cold water given To one who has nobly toiled and striven To bear the glad tidings of Jesus' love, To whisper of rest in the mansions above. A cup of cold water, though small the gift, May help some fainting soul to uplift. A prayer of faith from a burdened heart, That the workers might bear some humble

In sending the message of peace to those Whose lives are encompassed by little woes; Not a gifted prayer, yet it reached the throne Of him who died for sin to atone.

Then bring in the mites; let them gathered be

Into the Master's treasury;
Remember the widow's mite of old
Outranked rich gifts of silver and gold;
Her all she laid at the Master's feet,
And love made the offering complete.
—Kate M. Frayne,

The Fields are White.

(MISSIONARY RECITATION.)

The fields are white to harvest, the Lord of harvest stands, His faithful servants calling to join the reaper bands; To each one comes the message, "Go work for me to-day;" And you are called among them, and will you turn away?

The fields are white to harvest, and there is much to do; A special work for each one, a special work for you; Put boldly in your sickle, however frail it be, And tell at eve the wonders our God hath wrought by thee.—Selected.

Christ's Dominion.

(MISSIONARY RECITATION FOR FOUR BOYS.)

First. — From sea to sea
Shall his dominion be,
According to the promise written;
And he in scorn and insult smitten
Shall hear the welcome salutations
Of long oppressed and weary nations;
And he shall rule

Star-erowned and beautiful.

Second.—He shall come down,
As on the grass new mown
The rain descended from the spaces,
Renewing all earth's tribes and races
With his sweet life of love and beauty
Through faith in him and deeds of duty;

And thus shall he Hold sway from sea to sea. Third.— And he shall live,
And men to him shall give
Their treasures as they tell the story
Of his renown and rising glory;
And it shall be a rich oblation
To him, the Lord of our salvation,
Who from his pain
Went up henceforth to reign.

Fourth.—He shall not fail;
His kingdom shall prevail;
His armies come with royal banners,
Oppressions die mid their hosannas;
His chariot is onward speeding,
The cry of all his poor ones heeding;

Great Prince, ride on!
Till thou all lands hast won.

—Dwight Williams.

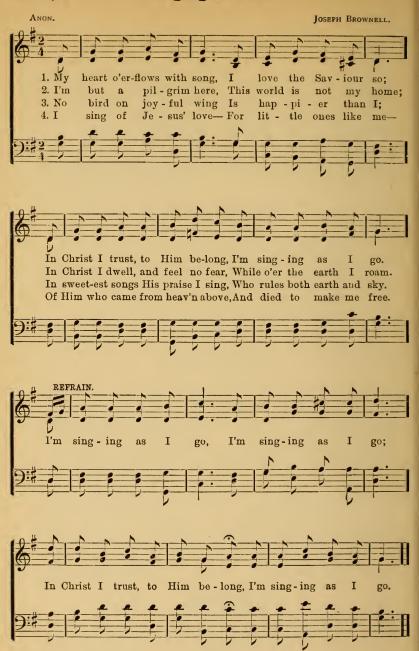
Benediction.

Teacher.—The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

Response.—The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

All.—The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.

Singing as I Go.



I Wonder Why.

I have a little brother,
A tiny baby brother;
But he's big enough to cry,
Yes, and cry, and cry, and cry!
And what is very queer,
He never cries a tear;
I wonder why?

He has a great big brother, A fat and jolly brother, But he's small enough to laugh, Yes, and laugh, and laugh, AND laugh! And, what is very queer, He often laughs a tear; I wonder why?

NOTE.—This should be recited by a boy of ten who is, of course, the "fat and jolly brother," and who indicates the fact that the allusion is to himself by pointing the index finger to his breast when those works are recited.

The North Wind Doth Blow.

The north wind doth blow,
And we shall have snow,
And what will poor Robin do then?
Poor thing!

He'll sit in a barn
To keep himself warm
And hide his head under his wing,
Poor thing!

The New Moon.

Dear mother, how pretty
The moon looks to-night!
She was never so cunning before;
Her two little horns
Are so sharp and so bright,
I hope she'll not grow any more.

If I were up there,
With you and my friends,
I'd rock in it nicely, you'd see;
I'd sit in the middle
And hold by both ends;

And hold by both ends;
O what a bright cradle 'twould be!

I would call to the stars
To keep out of the way,
Lest we should rock over their toes;
And then I would rock
Till the dawn of the day,
And see where the pretty moon goes.

And there we would stay
In the beautiful skies,
And through the bright clouds we would
roam;
We would see the sun set;
And see the sun rise,
And on the next rainbow come home.

Earth's Minor Chords.

Earth's minor chords shall all resolve into diviner harmony; The mists and shadows all dissolve, and glory fill eternity.

The Reason Why.

A Boston master said one day:
"Boys, tell me if you ean, I pray,
Why Washington's birthday should shine
In to-day's history more than mine?"

At once such stillness in the hall You might have heard a feather fall; Exclaims a boy not three feet high, "Because he never told a lie!"

-Selected.

-Mrs. Follen.

I Wonder if the Saviour Cares?

(DIALOGUE.)

First Scholar.

I wonder if the Saviour cares
When I forget to say my prayers?
If, when "I lay me down to sleep,"
And trust in him "my soul to keep,"
I quickly close my eyes, and fall
Asleep before on him I eall;
Will he protect me through the night,
And keep me safe till morning light?

Second Scholar.

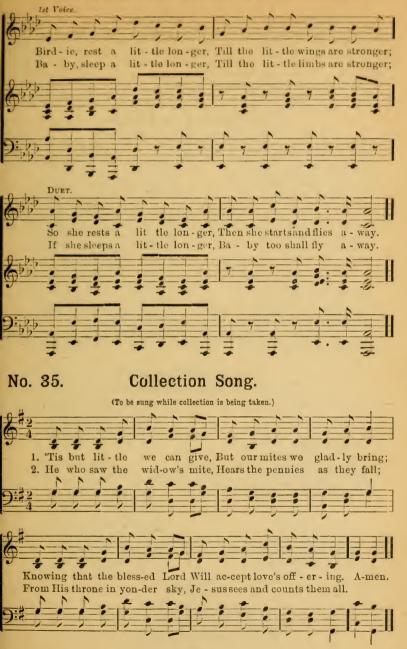
Perhaps he will for he is good
To those who scorn his fatherhood;
But still it grieves his heart to know
That little children treat him so.
If they would have his tender care,
And in his love and mercy share,
They never should forget to pray
For his protection night and day.

No. 34. What does little Birdie say?

Words from TENNYSON'S "Sea Dreams." STEPHEN V. R. FORD. 1. What does lit - tle bird - ie say, In her nest at peep of day? 2. What does lit - tle ba - by say, In her bed at peep of day? Let me fly, says lit - tle bird - ie; Moth-er, let me fly Ba - by says, like lit - tle bird - ie, Let me rise and fly

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What does little Birdie say.—Concluded.



The Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, | sitteth at the right hand of God the Fa Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was erucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and Amen.

ther Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholie Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

The Lessons of the Flowers.

(RESPONSIVE RECITATIONS FOR SIX GIRLS.)

Little elassmate, do you know Why so many daisies grow? Everywhere they greet the eye-Can you give the reason why?

Second.

Yes; to me the daisies say, That the beauty they display Is to be enjoyed by all; Rich and poor and great and small.

Third.

Little elassmate, what so bright As the rose, in which unite Beauty, grace, and fragrance rare: Whenee such wisdom, skill, and care?

Fourth.

'Tis of God: no hand but his Could adorn a flower like this; Thus the rose reminds us still Of God's wealth of eare and skill.

Fifth.

Little classmate, have you seen Pansies, robed in velvet sheen, On the green-sward nestling low? Tell me, Who adorns them so?

Sixth.

'Tis the Lord: his wondrous power, Lavished on a tiny flower, Tells us that his children share In his providential care.

Note.—The three groups of speakers should be furnished with clusters of the flowers mentioned in their respective recitations. The exercise is equally appropriate for Easter or Children's Parameters of the control of dren's Day anniversaries.

Flowers, Birds, and Stars.

(RECITATION FOR THREE SMALL CHILDREN.)

First.

I speak of the flowers, So pure and so bright, Whose fragrance and beauty Our senses delight. The end of their mission They grandly fulfill, Be teaching God's goodness And marvelous skill.

Second.

I speak of the birds, So free from all care; While warbling God's praises His bounty they share.

Their suff'rings affliet him; He knoweth them all; And e'en when they perish, His eye notes their fall.

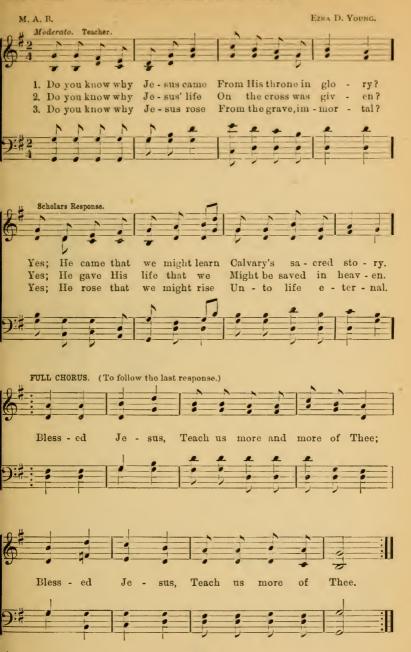
Third.

I speak of the stars— Each one a bright gem Bedeeking with splendor Night's grand diadem. Though silent God's glory They nightly proclaim, And teach us to worship His wonderful name.

Youth.

Gather the rosebuds while you may; Old Time is still a-flying; And the same flower that blooms to-day To-morrow shall be dying.—Herrick.

No. 36. Teach us more of Thee.



Cross and Crown.

Note.—This exercise should be rendered by five boys and five girls. Each member of the first group, the boys, should be provided with a cross; each of the girls should wear a crown of gilt paper, and be attired in white, suggestive of the Saviour's glorification. Cover the crosses with evergreen and immortelles. If proper skill is displayed in arranging and conducting the exercise it may be made both attractive and instructive.

(RECITATIONS WITH EMBLEMS, FOR TEN SCHOLARS.)

FIRST GROUP OF FIVE-EMBLEM, THE CROSS.

First

Christ hath redeemed us from the enrse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.

> Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Second.

Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.

They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Third.

One of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.

Fourth.

So Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had seourged him, to be crucified.

And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:

Where they crueified him, and two others with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

Fifth.

So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

First

From Calvary a ery was heard,
A bitter and heartrending ery;
My Saviour! every mournful word
Bespeaks thy soul's deep agony.

Second.

A horror of great darkness fell
On thee, thou spotless, holy One!
And all the swarming hosts of hell
Conspired to tempt God's only Son.



Third.

The scourge, the thorns, the deep disgrace,
These thou couldst bear, nor once repine;
But when Jehovah veiled his face,
Unutterable pangs were thine.

Fourth.

Let the dumb world its silence break;
Let pealing anthems rend the sky;
Awake, my sluggish soul, awake!
He died, that we might never die.

Fifth.

Lord, on thy cross I fix mine eye:

If e'er I lose its strong control,
O let that dying, piereing ery,
Melt and reclaim my wandering soul.

—J. W. Cunningham,

First

Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.

Him bath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Second.

Rejoice because your names are written in heaven.

When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Third.

O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

Fourth.

We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Fifth.

Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.

And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown.

First.

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King

Second.

Crown him the Lord of love!

Behold his hands and side,—
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified;

Through all eternity.

No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright!

Third.

Crown him the Lord of peace!
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars uny cease,
And all be prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
"And round his piercéd feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.



Fourth.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime!
All hail! Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

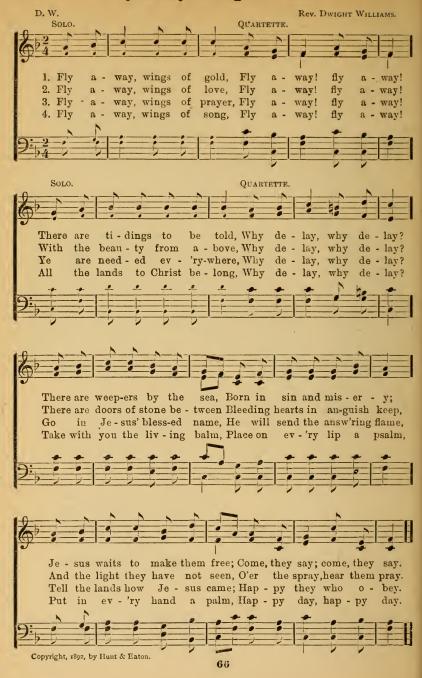
Fifth.

Crown him the Lord of heaven!
One with the Father known,—
And the blest Spirit through him given
From yonder triune Throne!
All hail! Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
Throughout eternity.
— Matthew Bridges.

All together recite:

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

NO. 37. Fly Away, Wings of Gold.



No. 38. God the Father, Bless Us.



The World for Jesus.

(MISSIONARY RECITATION FOR FOUR SCHOLARS.)

First.

The whole wide world for Jesus,
For his is its domain,
And his is the dominion,
From sea to sea to reign;
To him the kings of Sheba
Their royal gifts shall bring,
And isles afar their tribute
Shall render to their King.

Second.

The whole wide world for Jesus,
His banner be unfurled
Wide as his great commission,
"Go ye to all the world,
And preach to every creature
The messages of peace;
Lo! I am with you alway
Till time itself shall cease."

Third.

The whole wide world for Jesus; O Church of Christ, awake! Put on thy strength, O Zion, Thy post of duty take; Go forth upon thy mission
In Jesus' name alone,
Till earth, with all her millions,
His sovereignty shall own.

Fourth.

The whole wide world for Jesus;
Where Satan long hath reigned
The Prince of Peace shall triumph,
The world shall be regained;
The realms which sat in darkness
Have seen the glorious light,
For lo! the dawn is breaking
Along the verge of night.

All

The whole wide world for Jesus!
Behold! the time at hand!
His vanguard hosts are massing
Their force in every land;
Each thrill of ocean's cable,
Each breeze fresh tidings brings
Of conquests won for Jesus,
The mighty King of kings.

-Rev. Oliver Crane, D.D.

The Missionary's Departure.

He goeth forth with weeping now,
The parting hour hath come;
And saddened thoughts his spirits bow,
To leave his much-loved home.

He goeth forth with weeping; near Are gathered anxious friends; And from their hearts united prayer In his behalf ascends.

He knoweth the joy that he must lose,
The trials he must bear;
And yet no lot that he could choose
Would be to him so dear.

He goeth, bearing precious seed,
To distant heathen lands;
The word of life to those who need—
And 'tis his Lord commands.

And he shall come again with joy,
With sheaves of ripened wheat,
While grateful songs his lips employ—
He shall his Saviour meet.

The seed upon the mission field
Thus sown shall doubtless rise,
And in its rich abundance yield
A harvest for the skies.—Selected.

Good News.

(RECITATION.)

There comes a sound from other lands,
It thrills upon the ear,
While every Christian heart expands,
The tidings to declare:
That eager crowds together press
The word of God to hear,
And then, in tones of deep distress,
Pour out their souls in prayer.
Behold, they pray! like him of old,

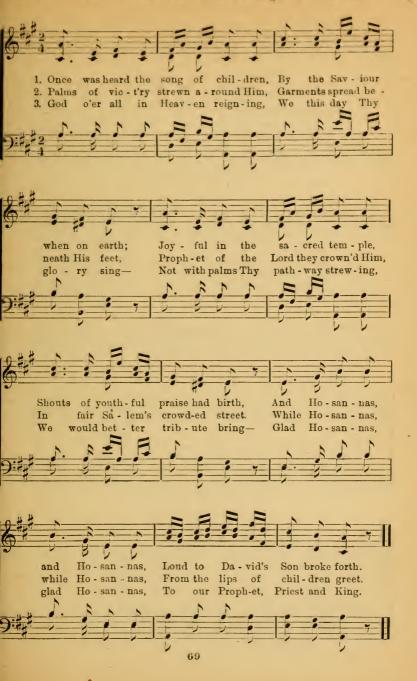
Behold, they pray! like him of old, Bowed down with guilt and sin; But soon the arms of love enfold, And light springs up within. Behold, they pray! a depth unknown Those cheering words contain; For vast eternity alone Their meaning can explain.

An earnest of that day we see, Its dawn appeareth now; That glorious day, when every knee Shall unto Jesus bow. Let saints of every land and name

Behold the promise bright, And now their Saviour to proclaim With all their powers unite.

-Sunday School Times.

No. 39. Once was Heard the Song of Children.





Little Chatterbox.

(RECITATION FOR A LITTLE GIRL.)

They call me "Little Chatterbox;" My name is little May;

I have to talk so much, because I have so much to sav.

And, O, I have so many friends! So many; and you see,

I can't help loving them because They, every one, love me.

I love my papa and mamma; I love my sisters, too;

And if you're very, very good, I gness that I'll love you!

But I love God the best of all; He keeps me all the night;

And when the morning comes again, He wakes me with the light.

I think it is so nice to live! And yet, if I should die, The Lord would send his angels down And take me to the sky.

-Selected.

The Hat Problem.

(RECITATION FOR A BOY OF FIVE YEARS.)

I'm five years old and big at that, As anyone can see; My mamma says a five-ineh hat

Is none too big for me. I'll soon be ten years old, and then, If I am wide and tall,

My hat will have to measure ten, Or it will be too small.

Some lads get awful heads, they say; There's my big brother Ned;

A fellow said to him one day, "Don't get too big a head!"

Now if my head and I should grow, My hat would be about As big-but I'm mixed up, and so I'll let you think it out!

Labor On.

(Missionary Recitation.)

Nobly thou thy work hast chosen; Labor on.

Though the stream may long be frozen. Waters pure must lie beneath, Crested by the crystal sheath.

Though thou may'st sometimes be weary, Labor on.

Forest paths at first seem dreary, Till we see the beauty round, In the trees and on the ground. Does the toilsome way affright thee? Labor on.

Flowers from toil shall soon delight thee, Breathing fragrance heavenward, Telling angels thy reward.

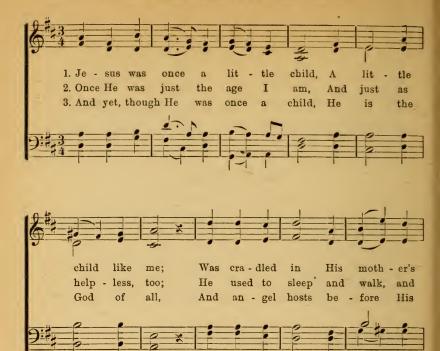
Dost thou deem thyself forsaken? Labor on.

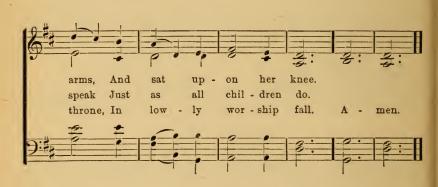
Though the vessel may be shaken, Jesus walks upon the deep; At his voice the winds shall sleep.

Missionary Creed.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, infinite in love and rich in mercy, and in his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, given to us as an offering for sin, and by the preaching of whose Gospel the world is to be reconciled to himself. I believe in his word as the doetrine of life and the light of all people. I believe in the Holy Catholic Church as the dispenser of the blessings of his eovenant, to whom he has said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." I believe in the altar of sacrifice, and the laying on of gifts, and the lifting up of the heart in prayer that God will honor the gift in bringing the heathen unto himself. I believe that all power is given unto the Son, and that "he shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law." "For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen."—Rev. Dwight Williams.

No. 41. Jesus was Once a Little Child.





- 4 And why was it He chose to be
 A child so poor and weak?
 It was that I might learn from Him,
 How blessed are the meek.
- 5 It was that I might learn from Him,
 My parents to obey,
 And like the child of Nazareth,
 Grow holier every day.

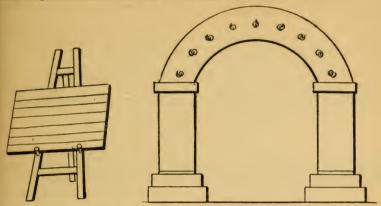
Easter Offerings-Scripture Mottoes.

The flowers appear on the earth.-Cant. 2. 12.

Bring ve all the tithes into the storehouse. - Mal. 3, 10,

Thou shalt put them into one basket, and bring them .- Exod. 29. 3.

Note.—Have these Scripture motions lettered on a large card, and place the card upon an easel in sight of the audience when the class offerings are to be made.



Note.—Erect an arch upon the pulpit platform. The columns should be about six feet in height. Insert as many pegs or hooks into the arch as there are classes in the Sunday school. When a class is called by its number or name one of its members should convey to the platform a basket containing flowers and the class offerings, and place it upon one of the pegs or hooks of the arch. Appropriate Scripture texts should be recited by the class, the members to rise and remain standing while its offering is being carried to the platform.

Class Recitations.

Freely ye have received, freely give.—Matt. 10. 8.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.—Acts 20. 35.

Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase.

—Prov. 3, 9.

Who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?—1 Cor. 4. 7.

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.—2 Cor. 9. 6.

God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.—2 Cor. 9. 8.

I will consecrate their gain unto the Lord of the whole earth.—Mic. 4. 13.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.—2 Cor. 9. 7.

If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that aman hath, and not according to that he hath not.—2 Cor. 8. 12.

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.—2 Cor. 8. 9.

An Evening Prayer.

The day is ended. Ere I sink to sleep

My weary spirit seeks repose in thine; Father, forgive my trespasses, and keep This little life of mine.

With loving-kindness, curtain thou my bed, And cool, in rest, my burning pilgrim fect; Thy pardon be the pillow for my head,

So shall my sleep be sweet.

At peace with all the world, dear Lord and thee,

No fears my soul's unwavering faith can shake;

All's well, whichever side the grave for me The morning light may break.

-Author Unknown.

No. 42. The Hope of Israel.

(RECITATION FOR TWO GIRLS, WITH SOLO, DUET AND CHORUS.)

First speaker

The Hope of Israel is dead,

The stone is sealed, the watch is set, And unto us who loved Him so Is nothing left but fond regret.

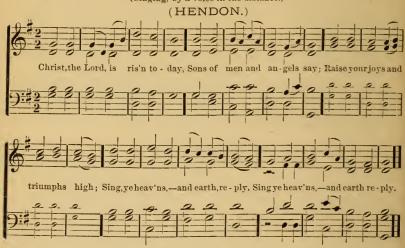
We trusted that it had been He Long promised from the days of old; The Morning Star, the Prince of Peace, By seer and singer long foretold.

No common man was He, though worn And sad He trod Judea's plains, Never man spake like Him, and while Our faith is lost, our love remains. Divinity shone in His face
Where women wept above their dead,
Our griefs He took upon Himself,
Our sorrows hath He comforted.

But He is dead. Upon the cross, [grope, Through gloom in which we could but His life went out—and with Him died Israel's last and dearest hope.

Now to your nets, O fishermen! Our dream of liberty is flown, [hung The Christ on whom our hopes were In Joseph's garden sleeps alone.

(Singing, by a voice in the distance.)



First speaker, again (half turning and list-

What means the music that I hear Falling so faintly on my ear? How can they sing who know such loss As His who died upon the cross!

Second speaker (advancing).

I'll tell you why their hearts can sing Who saw the Lord laid in the grave, And why the heavenly arches ring With song of One, mighty to save.

(Turning to the audience.)

While yet the dusk of twilight deep Unsilvered folds the day,
The women come with eager feet,
With linen pure, and spices sweet,
To wrap the precious clay.

But ah! the door is open wide, Strange fears their bosoms stir, Where is He whom they see no more? Why sits the Angel there before The empty sepulcher?

O glorious tidings, strangely sweet,
That thrill the anxious ear!

"The Lord of life is King of death, He lives, for aye, the Scripture saith. Seek Him! He is not here.

"Run swiftly! tell the wondrous news
To those who mourning wait;
He is not holden by the tomb;
But, passing through its lonely gloom,
Makes it a golden gate."

Now sound the tidings far and near To earth's remotest shore! And hail the glorious Easter morn When hope and peace and life were born—

He lives for evermore!—

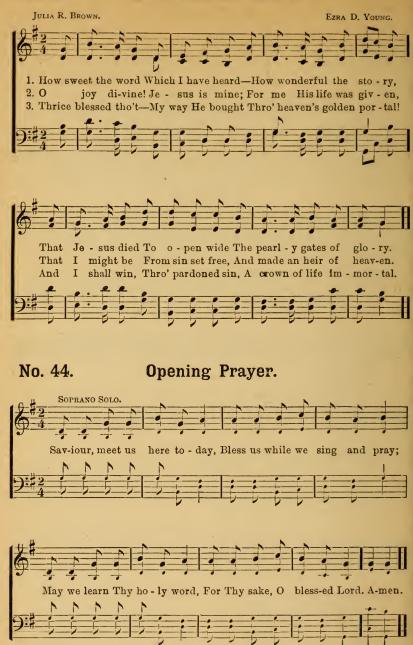
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The Hope of Israel.—Concluded.



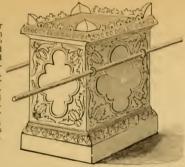
No. 43. How Sweet the Word.



Offertory.

(WITH AN ALTAR AND CLASS RECITATIONS.)
"Bring thy gift to the altar."

NOTE.—Erect an altar upon the pulpit platform and place over it the Scripinre motto quoted above in letters faced with evergreen or immortelles, if principality when a class number or name is called by the secretary, the class should rise and repeat an appropriate Scriptnre or other selection, and remain standing while one of its number conveys its consumer conveys its con-



tribution to the platform and places it upon the altar. Baskets containing, in addition to the offerings, flowers for distribution to the aged and infirm members of the society after the service, will lend beauty and grace to the exercises. At the conclusion of the offertory let the congregation rise and sing "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

. Scripture Selections.

Lay not up for yourse.ves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matt. 6. 19-21.

And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury.

And he saw also a certain poor widow

easting in thither two mites.

And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this widow hath cast in more than they all:

For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God; but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had. Luke 21, 1-4.

Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. 2 Cor. 8. 9.

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust

in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate. 1 Tim. 6. 17, 18.

Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase.

Prov. 3, 9.

I will consecrate their gain unto the Lord, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth. Mic. 4, 13.

Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Rom. 12. 13.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20, 35.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9. 7.

Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of

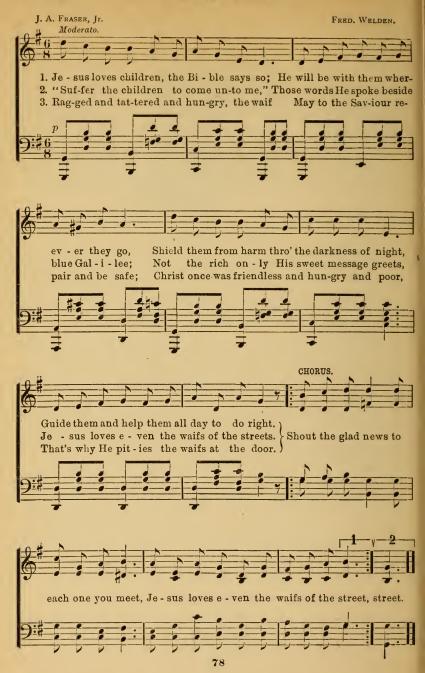
that which ye have.

For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. 2 Cor. 8. 11, 12.

Rain, Rain, Go Away.

Rain, rain,
Go away,
Come again
Another day;
Little Johnny
Wants to play.

No. 45. Jesus Loves Children.



Little Star, How Bright You Shine.

Little star, how bright you shine In the sky up yonder! I have learned to call you mine; Do you care, I wonder?

Would you know the reason why
You are mine? Then listen:
From the bed on which I lie
I can see you glisten.

When my nightly rest 1 take, Faithful watch you're keeping; But 1 miss you when 1 wake: Then, perhaps, you're sleeping.

Little star, please shine again
In the sky above me
When the evening comes, and then
I shall know you love me.

The Penny He Meant to Give.

There's a funny tale of a stingy man,
Who was none too good, but might have been worse;
Who went to church on a Sunday night,
And carried along his well-filled purse.

When the sexton came with his begging plate,
The church was but dim with the candle's light;
The stingy man fumbled all through his purse,
And chose a coin by touch, and not by sight.

It's an odd thing, now, that guineas should be So like unto pennies in shape and size; "I'll give a penny," the stingy man said, "The poor must not gifts of pennies despise."

The penny fell down with a clatter and ring,
And back in his seat leaned the stingy man,
"The world is so full of the poor!" he thought;
"I ean't help them all; I give what I can."

Ha, ha! how the sexton smiled, to be sure,To see the gold guinea fall into his plate;Ha, ha! how the stingy man's heart was wrung,Pereciving his blunder, but just too late!

"No matter," he said; "in the Lord's account
The guinea of gold is set down to me.
They lend to him who give to the poor;
It will not so bad an investment be."

"No, no, man," the chuckling sexton eried out;
"The Lord is not cheated; he knows thee well;
He knew it was only by aecident
That out of thy fingers the guinea fell.

"He keeps an aeeount, no doubt, for the poor;
But in that aceount he'll set down to thee
No more of that golden guinea, my man,
Than the one bare penny ye meant to 'gie.'"

There's a comfort, too, in the little tale;
A serious side, as well as a joke;
A comfort for all the generous poor
In the comical words the sexton spoke.

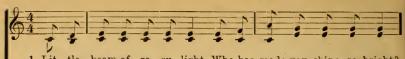
A comfort to think that the good Lord knows
How generous we really desire to be,
And will give us credit in his account
For all the pennies we long to "gie."
—H. H., in "St. Nicholas."

Our Father.

"It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves."-Psalm 100:3.

FANNY J. CROSBY.

Mrs. Joseph F. Knapp, by per.



- 1. Lit tle beam of ro sy light, Who has made you shine so bright? 2. Lit - tle blossom, sweet and rare, Who has made you bloom so fair?
- 3. Lit tle child, with face so bright, Who has made your heart so light?









Who has taught you how to sing? "'Tis our Fa - ther, 'tis our Fa - ther." Who has made you, can you tell? "'Tis our Fa - ther, 'tis our Fa - ther." Like the mer-ry bird of spring? "'Tis our Fa - ther, 'tis our Fa - ther."





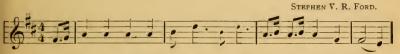
"Tis our Fa - ther, God a - bove, God a - bove; He has made us,



Our Father.—Concluded.



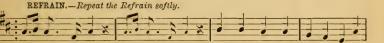
No. 47. Ring, Ring the Bells.



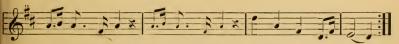
- 1. The Christmas bells are ringing (ringing), On this joy-ful morn;
- 2. Our hearts to Christ we're bringing (bringing), At His feet we fall;



An - gel - ic hosts are sing-ing (singing), "Christ the Lord is born." We join the saints in sing-ing (singing), "Crown Him Lord of all."



Ring, ring the bells (ring, ring the bells), Joyful news their ringing tells;



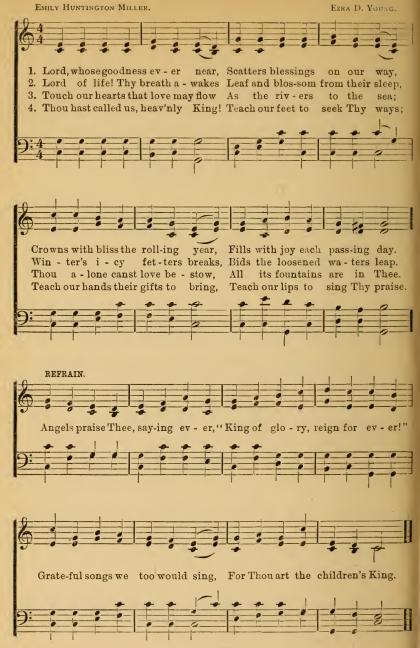
Ring, ring the bells (ring, ring the bells), Christ is born to - day.

NOTE.—The repeated words in parentheses, set to small notes, should be sung as echoes by a person concealed from view. During the singing a cluster of small fine-toned bells in an adjoining room should be rung, keeping time to the music. The first part may be sung as a solo, if desired. The music is so simple that it can be sung by primary classes.

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No. 48. Children's Worship.



Children, Do You Know?

(RECITATION.)

Do you know how many stars There are shining in the sky? Do you know how many clouds Every day go floating by? God in heaven has counted all; He would miss one should it fall. Do you know how many children Go to little beds at night, And without a care or sorrow. Wake up in the morning light? God in heaven each name can tell, Loves you too, and knows you well. -Selected.

The Baby Went to Boyland.

He sat on my knee at evening, The boy who is " half-past three," And the clear brown eyes from his sunbrowned face

Smiled happily up to me. I held him close as the twilight fell, And called him "my dear little son;" Then I said: "I have wondered for many

days Where it is that my baby has gone!

"I'd a baby once in a long white gown, Whom I rocked just as I do you: His hair was as soft as yellow silk, And his eyes were like violets blue.

llis little hands were like pink-tipped flowers-

See, yours are so strong and brown: He has slipped away and is lost, I fear. Do you know where my baby's gone?"

Did my voice half break as the thoughts would come

Of the sweet and sacred days When motherhood's first joys were mine? Was a shade of regret on my face? For close round my neck crept a sturdy arm, And the boy who is "half-past three" Said, "The baby-he went to Boyland, And-didn't you know ?-he's me!"

-Philadelphia North American.

A Boy's Dream.

A little boy sat dreaming, Upon his nurse's lap, That all the pins fell out of the stars, And the stars fell into his cap.

And when the dream was over, What should that little boy do, But go and look inside his cap, And find it was not true !- Selected.

Our Mission Work.

(RECITATION FOR FOUR SCHOLARS.)

First.

Spread far and wide the blessed news, Salvation free for every land, The glorious tidings quick diffuse. Nor fail, through any tempting bribe Of ease, or comfort, or of wealth, To give the boon to every tribe, That great elixir of soul health.

Obey the Captain's great command,

Second. From thence go into all the world,

Stand ye in apostolic place,

Impeded not by caste or race, His banner graciously unfurl. 'Twill scatter pagan night away; The glorious victories from afar Proclaim the dawn of Gospel-day, [star." While brightly shines "the morning Third,

Built from the deep by coral toil Are numerous islands of the main; And rich in products is the soil; But there man needs the Saviour's reign. Like insect-builders may you thrive In rearing up his temple there; Or as the most industrious hive, Your work the human heart will cheer.

Fourth.

Then let all gloom from fearful souls Be driven far, and hope inspire Each noble worker Christ enrolls In that blest book which all admire; And they shall shine more bright than star, Or even sun in clearest heaven; For winning souls is greater far Than any work to mortal given.

—Rev. W. H. Phipps.

No. 49. The Children's Jubilee.



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2 Jesus, who sits enthroned
In majesty on high,
The Christ who all our guilt atoned,
We laud and magnify.—Ref.

3 To God, whose watchful care
Protects us day by day,
Whose angels guard us everywhere,
We grateful homage pay.—Ref.

4 We join the heavenly host.

Ascribing unto Thee,

The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

All might and majesty.—Ref.

My Good-for-nothing.

(RECITATION FOR A LITTLE BOY.)

What are you good for, my brave little man? Answer that question for me, if you can. You, with your fingers as white us a nun—You, with your ringlets as bright as the sun; All the day long with your busy contriving, Into all mischief and fun you are driving; See if your wise little noddle can tell What you are good for. Now ponder it well.

Over the carpet the dear little feet
Came with a patter to climb on my seat;
Two merry eyes full of frolic and glee,
Under their lashes looked up unto me;
Two little hands pressing soft on my face
Drew me down close in a loving embrace;
Two rosy lips gave the answer so true:
"Good to love you, mamma; good to love you."
—Emily Huntington Miller.

A Little Girl.

If no one ever marries me—
And I don't see why they should,
For nurse says I'm not pretty,
And I'm seldom very good—
If no one ever marries me,
I sha'n't mind it very much;
I shall buy a squirrel in a cage,
And a little rabbit hutch.

I shall have a cottage near a wood,
And a pony all my own,
And a little lamb, quite clean and tame,
That I can take to town.
And when I'm getting really old—
At twenty-eight or nine—
I shall buy a little orphan girl
And bring her up as mine.
—Laurence Alma-Tadema.

Welcome, Little Robin.

Welcome, little robin,
Messenger of spring;
Notes of joy and gladness
To my heart you bring.
Frosts in March await you,
But you seem to say,
"All my songs are fragrant
With the breath of May."

Wakeful little robin,
First to greet the light,
While the world is sleeping
On the breast of night.
Oft your chirping wakes me,
And you seem to say,
"Rouse thee from thy slumber—
Greet the newborn day."

Cheerful little robin,
From all sorrow free;
Not a strain of sadness
Mars your melody.
Sweet the psalm you teach me;
For you seem to say,
"Tune your heart to gladness—
Scatter grief away."

Trustful little robin,
Free from anxious care,
Since the feathered songsters
In God's bounty share.
Listening to your warbling,
This you seem to say,
"God, who cares for robins,
Guards thee day by day."
—Clivistian Advocate,

Closing Recitation.

Be with us, Lord, This coming week, That we may guard Each word we speak.

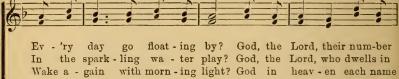
Upheld by thy Almighty arm,

May we be kept From every harm.

Go with us till Next Sabbath, then Come with us, as We meet again.











God Knows.—Concluded.



No. 52. Glory to Jesus my King.



- 2 I shall not want, for they are fed. Who in the Shepherd confide; Into green pastures I shall be led, And by the still water's side.—Ref.
- 3 From the safe paths of righteousness I shall not wander nor roam; Jesus will guide my feet while I press Onward toward heaven my home.—Ref.

A Temperance Talk.

I am a temperance girl, every inch of me, and so is my sister Betsey. The young man who waits on her says that she is just "saturated with temperance from the feather on her hat to the tips on her shoes!" I don't know the meaning of "saturated," but Harlow does, or he would not use the word; for Betsey says that "he is a well-behaved

young person."

But, as I was saying, I am a temperance girl morning, noon, and night. My motto is, cold water to drink as a a-average ["beverage" suggested by the prompter]—beverage, that's the word I was trying to find. When I grow up, of course some young man will wish to wait on me, and I give him notice now, that I shall "pop the question to him" right away, "Are you a temperance man?" If he stammers, or hesitates, he might as well "set his cap" for some other girl. I shall give him the mitten right off! Yes I shall! Delays are dangerous! Of course, the young man might deceive me. Some girls say that they can tell by a young man's breath whether he uses beer, or whisky, or tobacco, but I can't see why they should get near enough to each other for that. It isn't necessary! I shall say to Harry, if that is his name—and, from what I know now, I guess it will be—I shall say to him, "Harry, unless your breath is pure you keep your distance." Then if he doesn't come closer to me than is necessary I shall know he is guilty! He may say that he has been eating onions; but I guess I know onions!

A Child's Thoughts of God.

They say that God lives very high!
But if you look above the pines
You cannot see our God. And why?

And if you dig down in the mines, You never see him in the gold, Though from him all its glory shines.

God is so good, he wears a fold
Of heaven and earth across his face—
Like secrets kept for love untold.

But still I feel that his embrace
Slides down by thrills through all things
made,
Through sight and sound of every place:

As if my tender mother laid

On my shut lids, her kisses' pressure, Half-waking me at night; and said,

"Who kissed you through the dark, dear guesser?"

-Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

Baptism of a Child.

She stood up in the meekness of a heart Resting on God, and held her fair young child Before her bosom with its gentle eyes Folded in sleep, as if its soul had gone To whisper the baptismal vow in heaven. The prayer went up devoutly with her faith That it would be even as she had prayed, And the sweet child be gathered to the fold Of Jesus. As the holy words went on Her lips moved silently, and tears, fast tears, Stole from beneath her lashes, and upon The forehead of the beautiful child lay soft With the baptismal water. Then I thought, That to the eye of God, that mother's tears Would be a deeper covenant-which sin And the temptations of the world and death Would leave unbroken—and that she would know, In the clear light of heaven, how very strong The prayer which pressed them from her heart had been In leading its young spirit up to God.—N. P. Willis.

No. 53. Child's Evening Prayer.

(RECITATION AND SONG.)

Recitation. One night I surely thought I heard
An angel singing low,
A song I often sing myself,
The sweetest one I know.
I listened at the window pane,
And caught each precious word,
I could not see the one who sang,
But this is what I heard:—

(JESUS, TENDER SHEPHERD.)



Rec. And then I thought it could not be
An angel, since the Lord
Calls little children His own lambs,
In His most holy word.
And while I listened for the voice,
This sweet and fervent prayer
Was gently wafted, as before,
Out on the evening air:

2 All this day Thy hand has led me, And I thank Thee for Thy care: Thou hast warmed me, clothed and fed me, Listen to my evening prayer.

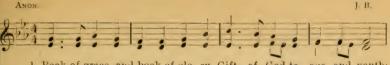
Rec. And then I knew it was a child
Whose voice had charmed my ear;
But while the angels did not sing,
I knew they hovered near.
And Christ himself was there to grant
The little child's request;
And then she sang this verse and fell
Asleep on Jesus' breast:

3 Let my sins be all forgiven;
Bless the friends I love so well;
Take us all at last to heaven,
Happy there with Thee to dwell.

Note—Select two girls, one of whom renders the recitation, the other the song. The singer should be concealed from the view of the audience. The hymn should be sung very slowly and with marked expression.



J. B.



- 1. Book of grace, and book of glo-ry, Gift of God to age and youth:
- 2. Book of love! in ac-cents ten-der, Speak-ing un- to such as we;
- 3. Book of hope! the spir-it sigh-ing, Sweet-est comfort finds in





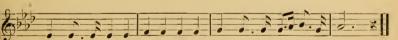
thy sa - cred sto - ry, Bright, bright with truth. it lead us, Lord, to ren - der All, all to Thee. it hears the Sav - iour cry-ing, "Come, come to Me!"



No. 55. Little Jack Horner.

Lit - tle Jack Hor-ner sat in a cor-ner, Eat-ing a Christmas pie;





He, with his thumb, took out a plum, And said, "What a good boy am I!"



Our King.

(RECITATION FOR FOUR GIRLS.)

First.

I love to think how Mary eame
To seek the lowly spot,
Where she had seen them lay him down,
And wept to find him not;
"I eannot bind his form," she said,
"With spices sweet and rare;
O, where is he, for he was dead;

Second.

O tell me, tell me where?"

I think how soon her tears were gone
When at the sepulcher,
He stood before her with surprise,
And kindly spake to her;
He ealled her by her own sweet name,
And none had loved him more,
Or wept for him such bitter tears,
Heartsick so long and sore.

Third.

I think how quickly she went forth, It was her gladdest day; And who could tell the tale so sweet, As she flew swift away; The children listened to her words, And thought how dear was he, Who took them in his loving arms, And spake so tenderly.

Fourth.

I think how glad were all the poor; "He was our friend," they said; "We wept to see him torn away, And up to Calvary led; He said to us the sweetest words, 'Your sins do I forgive;' And wonderful! the dying thief, He said with him should live."

All.

Then let us bless the Easter day,
The sweetest of the year;
For Jesus knoweth all our names,
And he is very near;
And when we see him as he is,
Our new name he will give,
And he will be our King alway,
And we with him shall live.

-Rev. Dwight Williams.

Star and Cross.

(RECITATION FOR TWO BOYS.)

Note.—Provide the speakers with a star and a cross. At the first mention of these emblems, which should be large and attractive, they should be held up to the view of the congregation, care having been taken to conceal the front side from the sight until the respective words are spoken.

First

Have you heard of the wonderful story, Coming down through the years dark and deep, Of the Child that was born in a stable, And laid in a manger to sleep? Of the song of good will which the angels To the listening shepherds sang sweet? And the STAR that shone over the wise men, And showed them the way to his feet? Of the life that was noble and holy, More ready to give than to take, Of the blessings and mereies unnumbered That have brightened the world for his sake? He is peace to the strife of the striving, He is rest where the weary ones are, He is light to the dwellers in darkness, And we symbol his birth by a STAR.

Second.

Shall I tell you the sorrowful story Of One who lived only to bless, To comfort the sad and the lonely, And lighten the load of distress; Whose feet went on errands of mercy, Whose hands were but lifted to heal, Who was weary and hungry and thirsty, His kinship with men to reveal; Who left the bright home of his Father, The kingdom and glory above, To bring to the lost and forsaken God's wonderful message of love? But the world would have none of his pardon And love that was mighty to save; They scoffed him and scorned him and scourged him. And gave him a CROSS and a grave.

Both.

Not envy, nor hate, nor defiance, Could render love's labor in vain; For he wrought a lost world's redemption,

By his sacrifice, passion, and pain. And to-day for the joy of salvation, We count earthly treasure but loss; And with praise through the ages eternal,

The Lord of the STAR and the CROSS.—Marjorie Moore.

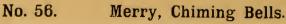


Foreign Missions.

(Address by a Boy.)

You "don't believe in foreign missions?" You do believe in Christ's kingdom on the earth, however. But did it never occur to you that this kingdom is a foreign mission enterprise? It "is not of this world." It came down from heaven. The angel that sang that thrilling song to the shepherds of Bethlehem plain was its prophet, sent from the eelestial realms to announce its approach. He declared that the "good tidings of great joy" which he brought should be "to all people." Jesus was the first foreign missionary ever sent out. He said, "The Father hath sent me into the world." Bethlehem was the first mission station on the face of the globe. There the Founder of our holy Christianity was first worshiped by the Gentiles-the wise men from the East. From that hour to this, through nineteen centuries, the followers of Jesus-his missionaries-have been extending the boundaries of his kingdom from the center to the poles of the earth. Suppose the apostles had said, "We don't believe in foreign missions; we have heathen enough at home." What

Who brought the tidings of great joy to us? The successors of the apostles whom Jesus commanded, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." We think it a hardship to give some of our substance for the spread of the Gospel. Do we reflect that our redemption cost the Son of God his life; that but for the self-denials of an army of heroic men, endured in our behalf, the knowledge that we are redeemed would never have come to us? An army of martyrs have made it possible for us to know the truth. We have nothing that we have not received. Is it manly to boast of our light and knowledge and then refuse to aid in sending these blessings to our less-favored fellow-beings? The Gospel will be preached to all nations, whether or not we aid in sending the message. Shall we be wise for ourselves, or shall we be unworthy to have in trust the talents of truth and knowledge and money that God has given to us to use as his stewards? He is watching us; some day he will say we have heathen enough at home." What to us, "Give an account of thy steward-would have been our condition to-day? ship." What shall it be?

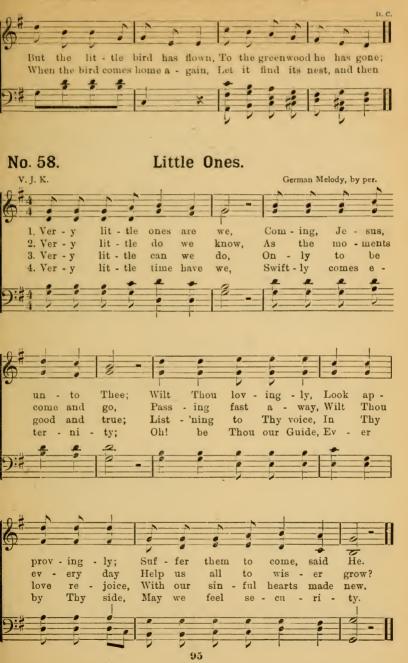




No. 57. See My Little Birdie's Nest.



See, My Little Birdie's Nest.-Concluded.



The Lover's Watch.

My sister says I should be seen
Instead of being heard;
Sometimes I think Belle does not mean
To have me speak a word.

When Harry calls—Harry's her beau—Belle talks and talks, while I
Must squeeze my lips together—so—!
I can't imagine why.

One evening Harry said to me, "What time do you retire?"
At nine; but I'll be company
Till ten, if you desire.

"No," Harry said, "your health must be Consulted first, you know; And if you must sit up for me, I'll take my hat and go."

Then Belle seemed all cut up, but why, I could not understand;
Since Harry's anxious care lest I
Should risk my health, was grand.

So Harry stayed, and I stayed too, Till nine, and scarcely stirred; Good manners said it would not do To leave, or speak a word.

By Harry's watch 'twas nine before It seemed much after seven; But it was fast an hour or more, Or dreadful slow at eleven.

For just as Harry clicked the gate
I woke, and heard him run;
And as I thought, "It must be late,"
The town clock struck for one.

Next morn at breakfast I was heard For once, as well as seen; While sister Belle scarce spoke a word, Except to call me "mean."

You see I said that Harry stayed Till one: how Belle did blush And tremble! till I felt afraid She'd spill her oatmeal mush!

Then papa kind o' smiled, while I
Declared that Belle was ill,
And mamma asked, "Will some one try
To keep that young one still?"

Then there was silence on the spot,
And I could plainly tell
By papa's looks that he was not
Alarmed for sister Belle.

"By Harry's watch," Belle said at last,
"'Twas just eleven," and so
I said, "The town clock was too fast,
Or Harry's watch was slow!"

Boys in Our Town.

(FOR FIVE BOYS.)

First.

There was a boy in our town
Whose victuals were his pride;
He thought of nothing else, and so
At last he did decide:
"I'll eat my breakfast just before
I go to bed, and then
I'll get an extra meal, because,
Next morn I'll eat again!"

Second.

There was a boy in our town,
A big, vain booby-boo,
Who asked a girl at school one day,
"May I go home with you?"
"No, thank you, I prefer to go
Alone; but understand,
If you're afraid to go alone,
I'll lead you by the hand!"

Third.

There was a boy in our town
Who snatched all he could reach
From smaller lads, till they put up
A job on that young "leech."

They made some cayenne pepper drops,
And he, as oft before, [mouth,
Snatched them and stuffed them in his
And then he—snatched no more!

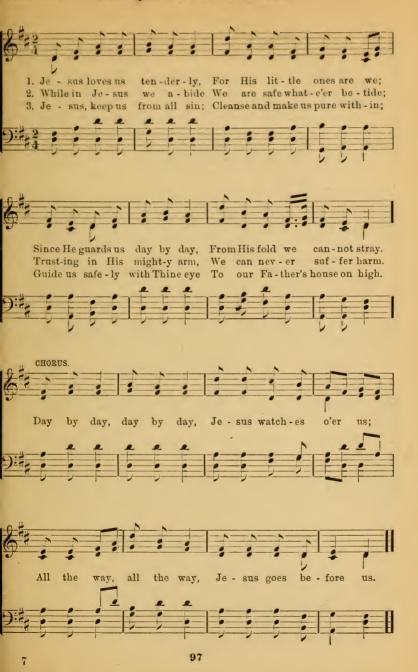
Fourth.

There was a boy in our town
Whose head was awful thick;
He swallowed gum unless it had
Directions on the stick,
And yet, behold that boy's career!
His brain power did expand
As he grew up, until, at last,
He ran a peanut stand!

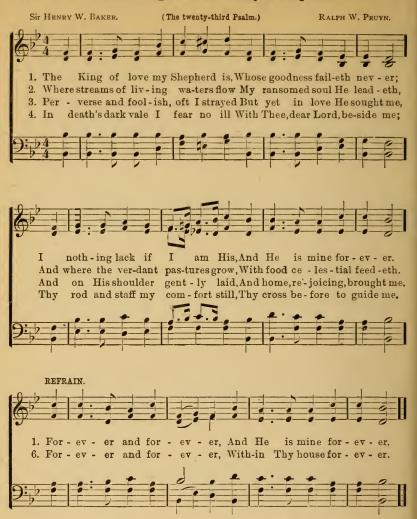
Fifth.

There were two boys in our town
Whose names were Pat and Mike;
Their parents wondered which was which
They looked so much alike.
When asked his name in school, Mike said:
"I cannot tell you that;
Because, you see, I may be Mike,
Or my twin brother Pat!"

NO. 59. Jesus Loves Us Tenderly.



No. 60. The King of love my Shepherd is.



- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight, Thy unction grace bestoweth, And O the transport of delight With which my cup o'erfloweth.
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever.

Dorothy's Birthday.

Dear little daughter Dorothy, Just five years old to-day, She counts the years upon her hand In such a pretty way.

" My little finger it is one. My baby year, you know; Three fingers more and then my thumb Make five-all in a row.

"I am so big that I can hold My little baby brother; So old that I can do a lot Of things to help my mother. "I feed the hungry winter birds That come and ask for bread;

I give the food to Pug and Puss, And make their little bed.

"I keep my baby doll house neat And tidy every day;

I gather up the scattered toys And put them all away.

" For I am five years old, you know," Counting again that day The fingers and the little thumb In such a pretty way.

-Mrs. S. J. Brigham.

If Jesus Were Here.

(A MISSIONARY DIALOGUE FOR FIVE MISSES.)

Jesus would say if he were here in person as one of our speakers. What do you think his theme would be?

Alice. I do not know, to be sure. Indeed, such a question has not entered my mind. Since you have been pondering it, however, I should be glad to know what answer has come to you in response to your own question.

Mary. I have thought that he might talk of three things; namely, Praying, Doing, and Giving.

Alice. Surely these are practical topics for a missionary meeting.

Mary. Yes. And now, since each one of us has a Bible, suppose we discover what he did say to his disciples, and what is elsewhere recorded by the sacred writers concerning these topics. You may turn, Alice, to Luke 10. 2, and read what Jesus bade his disciples to pray for.

Alice reads: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

Julia, you may read from the 8th verse

of the second psalm.

Julia reads: "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

Mary. Very good. These two passages enforce the duty of praying for the extension of Christ's kingdom in the world. Concerning the second topic,

Jennie, you may read from Matt. 28, 19, 20, Jennie reads: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have com-

Mary. I have been wondering what | manded you : and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mary. Florence, please open your Bible

and read from Acts 1. 8.

Florence reads: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Mary. Alice, you may read a portion of the 28th verse of Matthew, 21st chapter.

Alice reads: "Son, go work to-day in my vineyard."

Mary. Now we may seek to learn what Jesus would say to us concerning the duty of

GIVING.

Julia, please tell us what our Lord said to his disciples, as recorded in Matt. 10. 7, 8.

Julia reads: "And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give."

Mary. Please turn to Matt. 19. 21, Jennie, and read what Jesus said to the young

Jennie reads: "Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come and follow me.'

Mary. We will refer to one more passage of Scripture, namely, Prov. 3. 9. Florence, you may read it.

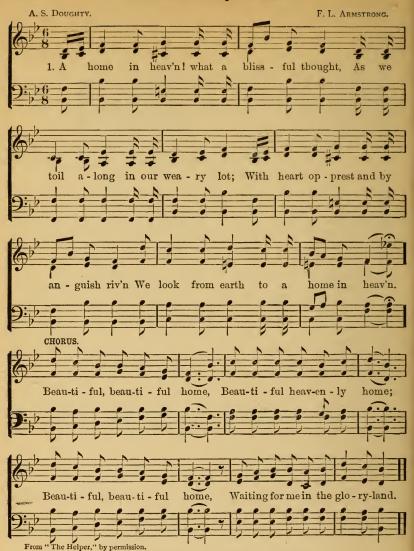
Florence reads: "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of

all thine increase."

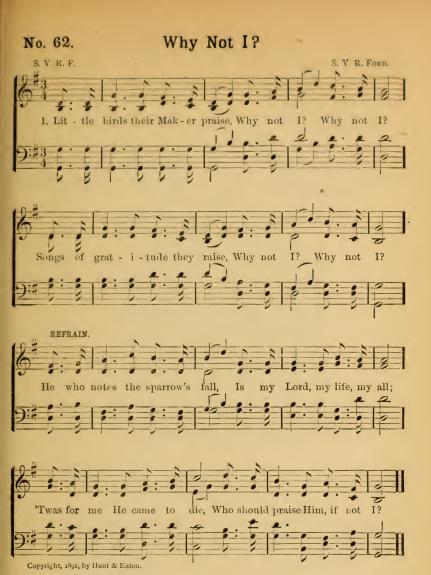
Mary. I am sure we have learned some valuable lessons bearing upon the claims of the missionary cause upon us, and I trust we may profit by them.

NOTE .- The speakers should be seated upon the pulpit platform during this exercise.

No. 61. Our Heavenly Home.



- 2 A home in heaven, where we toil no more, But reign with Christ on the golden shore; In songs of praise we will there unite With the great throng arrayed in white.—Cho.
- 3 Dear home in heaven! may we all meet there, With the redeemed all its glory share; And with the angels around the throne Forever dwell in that sweet, sweet home.—Cho.



- 2 Little birds are free from care,
 Why not I? Why not I?
 Happy all the day they are,
 Why not I? Why not I?—Ref.
- 3 Little birds are free from sin,
 Why not I? Why not I?
 Pure and innocent within,
 Why not I? Why not I?—Ref.

Jesus Loves Little Children.

(RECITATION FOR FOUR LITTLE GIRLS.)

First

Jesus loves the little children:
For he said one day,
"Let the children come to me,
Keep them not away."

Second.

There are many little children
Who have never heard
Of his love and tenderness,
Of his holy word.

Third.

I would tell these little children, If they all could hear, How he spoke to his disciples, With the children near.

Fourth.

Listen now while I repeat it; Hark! 'tis very sweet: I should think 'twould make the children Hasten him to meet.—Selected,

Our Baby.

We have a baby, a dear little sprite, One who is happy from morning till night; "Cherub" we call him, and "Darling," and "Pet;" Names are so scarce that he has none as yet.

Heaven dwells within him, so peaceful he seems; Sometimes he laughs right out loud when he dreams; Angels are then whispering tales in his ear— Stories that only a baby can hear.

He who took little ones up in his arms, Soothed all their sorrows and heightened their charms, Still watches o'er them with infinite care; Comes to the home when a babe enters there.

Dear, blessed baby, the gift of God's love; Guileless and pure as the scraphs above; Light of the household, its treasure and charm— Angels protect thee from danger and harm.

My Work.

(Motion Recitation for Six Scholars.)

First Scholar.

My tongue was made to tell
That Jesus ransomed me
From sin and guilt, that I might dwell
With him eternally.

Second Scholar.

My heart was made to trust
In Jesus Christ my Lord;
And, if I would be saved, I must
Believe his every word.

Third Scholar.

Mine eyes were made to see
God's mercy, love, and grace
In daily granting unto me
The smilings of his face.

Fourth Scholar.

My feet were made to run
On errands for the Lord;
The smallest act that I have done
For him he will reward.

Fifth Scholar.

My hands were made to do
The will of God alone;
If all my deeds are good and true
He will the service own.

Sixth Scholar.

Mine ears were made to hear
The voice of Jesus say:
"Avoid the path of danger near,
And walk in wisdom's way."

The Christ in Isaiah.

NOTE.—Select five scholars; provide them with cards containing, respectively, one of the five letters comprising the word "Jesus." The first scholar steps to the front of the platform and recites the verse beginning "Our motto," following it with the recitation of the text beginning "JEHOVAH." During the recital of this text he turns the card to the view of the congregation, after which the other four scholars recite in the order given, displaying their cards.

(MOTTO RECITATION FOR FIVE SCHOLARS.)

(Introductory recitation by the first scholar.)

Our motto is Jesus, the adorable Name Of him who redeemed us from sin, guilt, and shame; Whose advent and mission Isaiah of old, In visions foresaw, and in writings foretold.

JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is my salvation.

EVERY valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain.

SURELY he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

UNTO us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him; for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

The Lifted Gate.

(RECITATION FOR THREE SCHOLARS.)

First.

As Mary looked inside
She saw two angels where
They laid the Crueified,
And, like a palaee fair,
The roeks in beauty shone,
And like a gate of gold
The lifting of the stone,
A rapture to behold.

Second.

She wept no more that day,
For lo! her eyes had seen
The light from far away,
In realms of love serene;

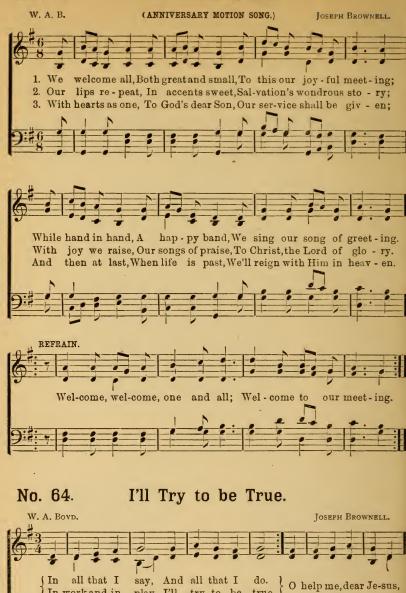
And evermore she knew,
The open portal there,
Was but the gateway through
To thrones and mansions fair.

Third.

This was the vestibule
Where Mary stood that day;
The Palaee Beautiful
Could not be far away;
For, waiting there, behold!
He came and spake to her,
And to a gate of gold
He turned the sepulcher.
— Rev. Dwight Williams,



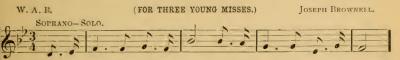
We Welcome All.



I'll Try to be True.—Concluded.



No. 65. Little Star, and Bird, and Flower. *



- 1. Lit tle star with beams so bright, Lending to the world your light
- 2. Lit tle bird on joy ful wing, Gladness to my heart you bring;
- 3. Lit tle flow'r, so bright and fair, Shedding fra-grance on the air,
- 4. Stars with glo ry crown the night; Birds with songs our ears de light;



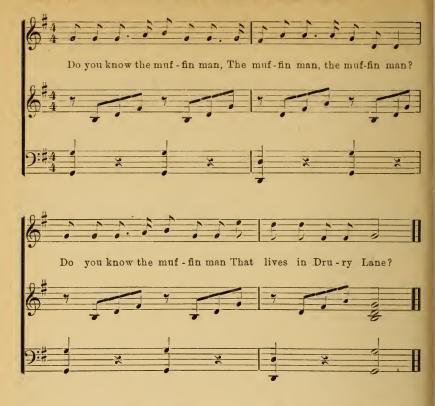


Thro' the watch-es of the night—Lit-tle star, how much I love you! Sweet the car-ols that you sing—Lit-tle bird, how much I love you! Tell - ing of our Father's care—Lit-tle flow'r, how much I love you! Flow'rs with beauty charm the sight—Stars, and birds, and flow'rs, we love you!



^{*} Each of the three scholars sings a verse as a soprano solo; all unite in singing fourth verse.

No. 66. Do You Know the Muffin Man?*



* Select seven girls each one capable of singing the Soprano Solo, one of whom acts as the leader. Place six of the girls in a row, side by side. The leader facing the first girl sings the question: "Do you know," etc. During the singing she gazes intently at the girl, at the same time pointing at her with the index finger of the right hand, and motioning rhythmically with it to emphasize the singing. The girl responds by singing:

"Yes, I know the muffin man, The muffin man, the muffin; Yes, I know the muffin man That lives in Drury Lane."

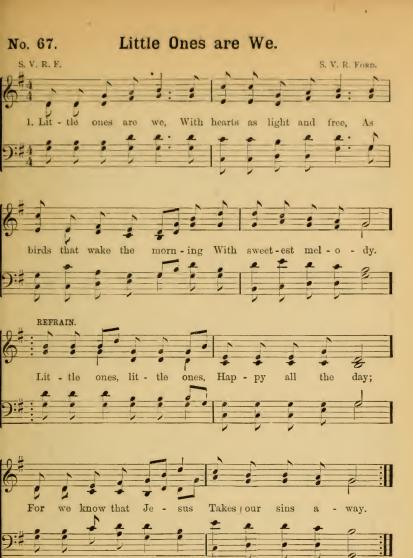
This is repeated until the sixth girl is reached, who responds by singing:

"I don't know the muffin man, The muffin man, the muffin man; I don't know the muffin man That lives in Drury Lane."

Then the first five girls, together with the leader, gather about her and sing derisively:

"She don't know the muffin man, The muffin man, the muffin man; She don't know the muffin man That lives in Drury Lane."

She remains silent while they drive her from the platform by their vehement singing and threatening gesticulations. A piano accompaniment may be played softly during the singing.

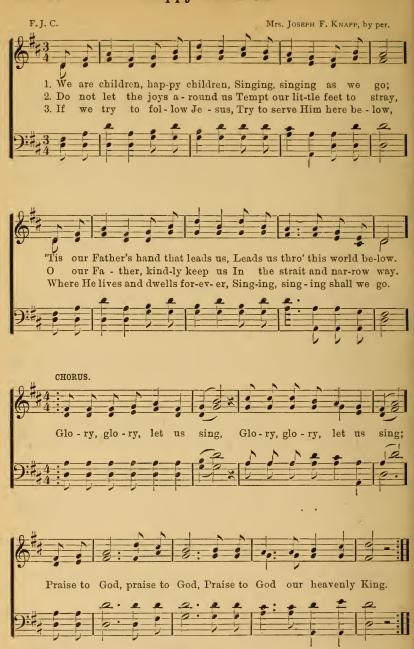


2 In the Sunday School
We learn the golden rule,
Which tells us to be loving,
And kind and merciful.—Ref.

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- 3 On this holy day,
 We meet to sing and pray,
 And learn what Jesus tells us
 About the narrow way.—Ref.
- 4 In this sacred place The Saviour's words of grace Are taught us, and He shows us The smilings of His face.—Ref.
- 5 Here we meet to sing
 The praises of our King;
 To Christ who reigns in glory,
 Our choicest gifts we bring.—Ref.

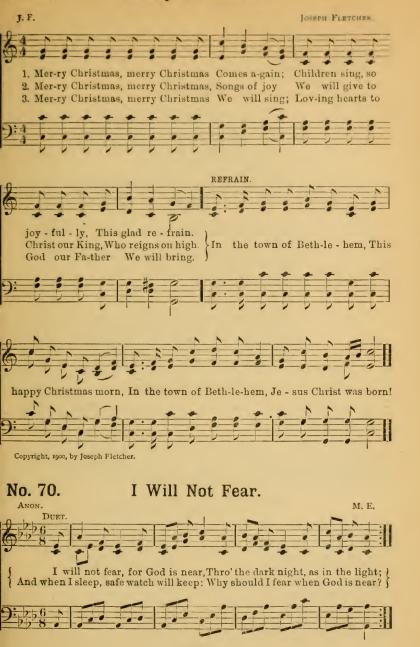
Happy Children.



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No. 69.

Merry Christmas.



Be with Me.

Dear Lord, be with me day by day, In all my work, in all my play, In all I do, or think, or say.

Though I am weak, if I am thine— A branch of thee, the living vine-The fullness of thy strength is mine. Be thou my refuge and my guide; In thy pavilion let me hide And fear no harm, whate'er betide.

Supply in love my every need; On heavenly manna let me feed; So shall my soul be blest indeed.

Our Lives.

Our lives are songs; God writes the words, And we set them to music at pleasure, And the song grows glad, or sweet, or sad, As we choose to fashion the measure; We must write the music, whatever the song, Whatever its rhyme or meter, And if it is glad, we may make it sad, Or if sweet, we may make it sweeter .- Selected.

Bedtime.

Rosebud lay in her trundle bed, With her small hands folded above her head, And fixed her innocent eyes on me, While a thoughtful shadow came over their glee. "Mamma," she said, "when I go to sleep I pray the Father my soul to keep; And he comes and carries it far away, To the beautiful home where his angels stay. I gather red roses and lilies so white; I sing with the angels through the long night; And when, in the morning, I wake from my sleep, He gives back the soul that I gave him to keep, And I only remember, like beautiful dreams, The garlands of lilies, the wonderful streams."

—Dewdrops and Sunshine.

The Drink for Me.

The drink that's in the drunkard's bowl, Is not the drink for me! It kills his body and his soul, How sad a sight is he! But there's a drink which God has given, Distilling in the showers of heaven, In measures large and free; [me. Oh, that's the drink—that's the drink for O, that's the drink—that's the drink for me.

The stream that many prize so high, Is not the stream for me! For he who drinks it still is dry, And so will ever be. But there's a stream, so cool and clear, The thirsty traveler lingers near, Refreshed and glad is he!

The Everlasting Thanksgiving.

No meager fare, like earthly feast, No sorrow mixed with joy; The Lord himself doth robe each guest For the eternal marriage feast, For bliss without alloy.

No ills to fear, no foes to fight, No prayer for war to cease; No darkened path, nor stormy night, For Christ himself doth give us light And life, and joy, and peace.

No weary heart, nor aching head, No vexing, anxious care; No cheerless mourning for the dead, No tears of sorrow to be shed, For all is glory there.

O, glorious home! O, blood-bought rest! O, city of our King! With saints and angels crowned and Partakers of the heavenly feast, Eternal praise we'll sing

-Alfred Taylor.

No. 71. Little Bird, You are Welcome.



I Know.*

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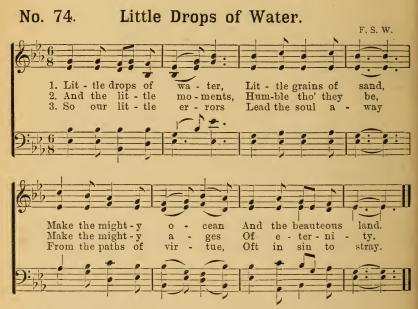
(FOR FOUR SMALL SCHOLARS.)

FRED. S. WILMOT.



- 2 I know that God hears me: Indeed there's no word My lips ever uttered That He has not heard.
- 3 I know that God calls me, For oft when I stray His voice sweetly whispers, "Child, this is the way."
- 4 I know that God seeks me In mercy and love: To find me the Saviour Came down from above.
- All sing:
- 5 We know that God loves us, Since Jesus was given To purchase our pardon And fit us for heaven.

 * Each of the four scholars sings a verse as a soprano solo; the four unite in singing the fifth verse.



- 4 Little deeds of kindness, Little words of love, Make our earth an Eden Like the heaven above.
- 5 Little seeds of mercy, Sown by youthful hands, Grow to bless the nations Far in heathen lands.

The Sabbath.

A bright spot—an oasis
Amid earth's desert drear;
The sweetest bud that blooms

The sweetest bud that blooms upon The rose tree of the year;

A miniature of heaven, hung Upon a chain of days, Wore on the breast of Father Time,

To cheer his weary ways.

A soothing poem, written in A volume of dull prose;

A waft of soft spring melody, Heard at the winter's close;

The golden clasp that binds the leaves Of six days' episode,

That God's own fingers will unclose, Across the Jordan's flood.

-Selected.

A Prototype.

The church was still as the parson read
That dear old tale of the Prodigal Son,
And many a worshiper's eyes were dim
When the cracked voice ceased and the lesson was done.

But I caught a glimpse through the open door
Of a figure ragged, slonching, cold;
I know not why, but my thoughts recurred
To the son of the story,—that story old.

As later I passed the vestry door
I heard re-echoed that joyful cry:
The parson had clasped the wanderer
As he cried aloud, "Safe home, my boy!"—Selected,

Not Good Enough.

"O, sir!" said a poor boy in the reform school to his minister, "I am not good enough to go to Christ."

"My boy, Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He receives the bad, not the good, else none would be saved. It is your badness, not your goodness, that you are to bring to him."

"O!" cried the boy, "that is news, that is good news; there is hope for me."

"Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O, Lamb of God! I come."
— Child's Paper.

Begin with God.

Begin the day with God!
He is thy sun and day;
He is the radiance of thy dawn;
To him address thy lay,

The first transaction be
With God himself above;
So shall thy business prosper well,
And all the day be love!

—Anon.

A Hint.

Our Daisy lay down
In her little nightgown,
And kissed me again and again,
On forehead and cheek,
On lips that would speak,
But found themselves shut to their gain.

Then foolish, absurd,
To utter a word,
I asked her the question so old,

That wife and that lover
Ask over and over,
As if they were surer when told.

There close at her side,
"Do you love me?" I cried;
She lifted her golden-crowned head,
A puzzled surprise
Shone in her gray eyes—
"Why, that's why I kiss you!" she said.
—Selected.

No. 75. Glory to the Father Give.



No. 76. Praise Him, Praise Him.



No. 77. Watch, Pray, and Work.



Orations.

(For Four Boys.)

First.

It took me many, many years
To learn the things I know;
And I am here to talk about
Them all before you go.
Of course I can't tell just how far
My boyish voice will reach;
But, listen well, and you shall hear
Me make my maiden—Bow!

Second.

It didn't take me years to learn
The lots of things I know;
But I can't tell them fast, because
My mouth goes off so slow.
I'm going to tell you of a boy
Who had a Noah's ark;
He pinched one of the dogs to see
Whether that dog could—Bow!

Third.

It took me lots and lots of years
To learn a thing or two;
But what I'm here to talk about
I know, and so will you.
It's all about a boy, and what
Did happen unto him;
This boy climbed up a tree and crept
Out on a rotten—BOUGH!

Fourth.

What if it took me twenty years
To learn all that I know?
One thing I learned "as quick as scat,"
Because it jarred me so.
I am the lad that climbed that tree
And got a dreadful launch;
It didn't take me years to learn
To shun a rotten—BOUGH!

Note.—'The boys step to the front of the platform, one by one, and recite. On coming to the words "bow" and "bough" they hesitate for an instant, and then voice them with pronounced emphasis, at the same time giving a jerky nod of the head, whereupon they instantly leave the platform.

The second speaker should drawl his words out in keeping with the statement, "my mouth goes off so slow."

Hail, Christmas Morn!

Hail, Christmas morn!
For unto us the Son is born,
The Man of Rest!
The weary quest
Is over now, for he who,cometh calleth,
"Come unto me, and I will give you rest!"
The still voice falleth
On hearts that listening are blessed,
And daily shall the blessing flow,
And daily shall the gladness grow,
For we which have believed do enter into rest.—Havergal.

Those Boots.

(RECITATION FOR A LITTLE BOY.)

I've got new boots, and that's not all,
They're "right and left" as well;
But what is meant by "right and left"
I'm sure I cannot tell.

I guess it's 'cause they're mine by right,
For they were given to me;
And you must know that they were left
Upon our Christmas tree!

His Mother's Cooking.

He sat at the dinner table there,
With a discontented frown;
The potatoes and steak were underdone,
And the bread was baked too brown.
The pie too sour, the pudding too sweet,
And the roast was much too fat;
The soup so greasy, too, and salt,
'Twas hardly fit for the cat.

"I wish you could cat the bread and pies
I've seen my mother make;
They're something like, and 'twould do you good
Just to look at a loaf of her cake."
Said the smiling wife, "I'll improve with age;
Just now I am but a beginner;
But your mother has come to visit us,
And to-day she cooked the dinner."—Lizzie M. Hadley.

The Alpine Forget-me-not.

A tiny flower seed had lain, Throughout the winter's iey reign, In Alpine soil, until, one morn In balmy May, it grew forlorn, And, brooding o'er discouragement, Muttered this song of discontent: "Why should a true Forget-me-not Lie here entombed, to mold and rot, -While genial sunbeams wait to greet My coming with their kisses sweet; And dew-pearls, glistening like gems Arrayed in regal diadems, With raindrops, which the clouds distil-Each one attesting God's good will-Laden with blessings, wonder why I linger here, content to die?" While thus it mused the stir and swell Of life disturbed the dormant cell; And from its folds a tiny blade Through chill, and damp, and darkness made Its way, in quest of light, when, lo!

Its welcome was a bank of snow! Though for a little time dismayed, The tender spire ere long displayed The courage born of trials sore, And, pressing upward, as before, With steadfast purpose, sought the sun, Displacing snow-sands, one by one, That interposed to bar its way, Until, at early dawn, one day, It burst from darkness into light-A blossom beauteous to the sight. And then the sunbeams lingered near, Dispensing light, and heat, to cheer The lonely plant; while, day by day, The snow dripped silently away, Revealing to the astonished sight The soil o'erspread with verdure bright. And thus the meek Forget-me-not With blessings crowned the dreary plot; While it became, through constancy, The emblem of fidelity.

Golden Sayings of Jesus.

RECITATIONS FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN. (FOR FOUR, FIVE, SIX, AND SEVEN SMALL CHILDREN.)

In Four Words.

am the way. am the door. am from above. have loved you.

In Six Words.

am the bread of life.
am not come of myself.
know whom I have chosen.
have given them thy word.
seek not mine own will.
will not leave you comfortless.

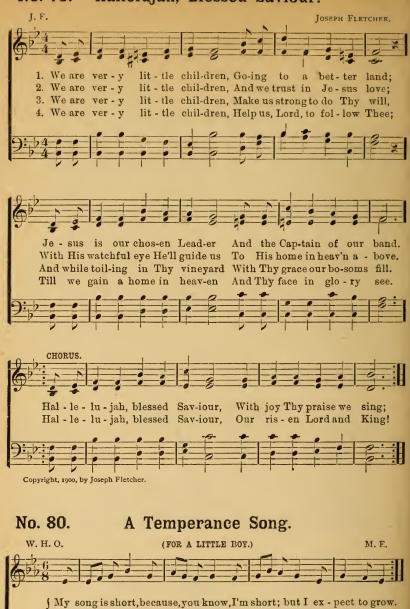
In Five Words.

am the living bread. am the Good Shepherd. call you not servants. tell you the truth. have overcome the world.

In Seven Words.

am the resurrection and the life.
am the door of the sheep.
came not to judge the world.
in them and thou in me.
n my Father's house are many mansions.
have glorified thee on the earth.
f ye love me, keep my commandments.

No. 79. Hallelujah, Blessed Saviour.



You see this bow of ribbon blue? Well, I'm for temp'rance—How are you?

Afraid of a Mouse.

(RECITATION FOR A SMALL BOY.)

Note.—An imitation mouse, to which a fine thrend is attached, should be concealed from the speakers' view by being suspended over the edge of the platform, the other end of the thread being held by a person located back of the speaker. When the speaker recites the words, "Come running along off there," he should be instructed to look and point to the place indicated, whereupon the mouse is drawn over the edge of the platform and toward the speaker. If he is in the secret he will feign alarm and hurry from the platform; If he is not, the sudden appearance of the mouse will doubtless startle him sufficiently to lead to the same result.

I'm not afraid of a mouse!

Indeed why should I be
Afraid of a mouse, when it
Is always afraid of me?

One day a little mouse
Ran right across the floor,
And mamma screamed, and ran
Out through an open door!

And then she cried, "A mouse!"
And when I looked around,

As brave as a soldier boy, The mouse could not be found.

A boy that's afraid of a monse Could not say "Boo" to a goose! For such a boy as that I never could have any use!

Why, if I should see a mouse Come running along off there—

Of What are You Dreaming?

Of what are you dreaming, my dear little tot, So peacefully sleeping alone on your cot? Alone? Nay, for angels are bidden to keep God's little ones safe from all harm while they sleep; And I know from the smile on your lips that you hear An angel's sweet words whispered low in your car.

Of what are you dreaming? I never may know, Since you are not able to tell me, and so I can but conjecture, and yet, it may be, That my guardian angel will whisper to me The message of love which to you has been given, By "ministering spirits," bright angels from heaven.

Of what are you dreaming? I listened and heard A voice from Judea; and this was the word That fell from the lips of your best Friend and mine, Dear Jesus of Nazareth, Saviour divine:

"Of such is the kingdom of heaven;" and so, Of this you were dreaming, my darling, I know.

—Stephen V. R. Ford, in Northern Christian Advocate.

Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep.

Golden head so lowly bending, Little feet so white and bare; Dewy eyes, half shut, half opened, Lisping out her evening prayer.

Well she knows when she is saying, "Now I lay me down to sleep," 'Tis to God that she is praying; Praying him her soul to keep.

Half asleep, and murmuring faintly—"If I should die before I wake,"

Tiny fingers clasped so saintly,
"I pray the Lord my soul to take."

O the rapture, sweet, unbroken, Of the soul who wrote that prayer; Children's myriad voices floating Up to heaven, record it there.

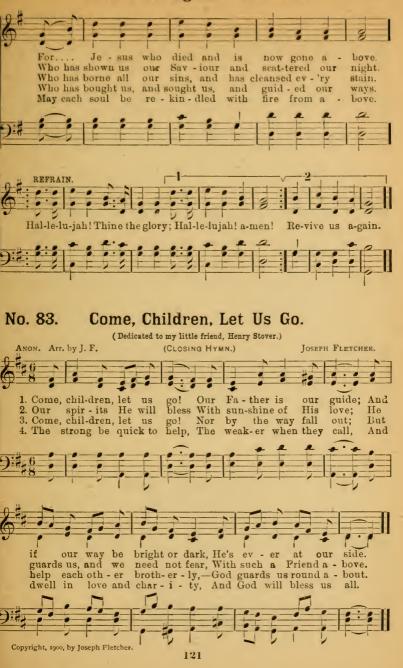
If of all that has been written
I could choose what might be mine,
It should be that child's petition
Rising to the throne divine.

-- Selected.

No. 81. Let Them Come to Me.



Revive Us Again.—Concluded.

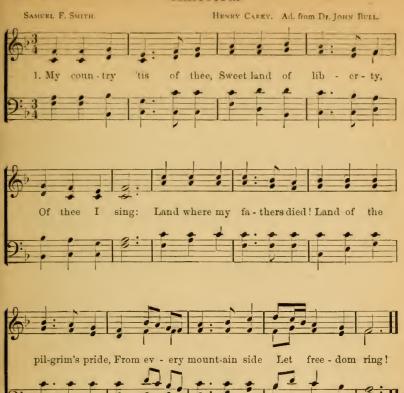


No. 84. Come, Come To-day.



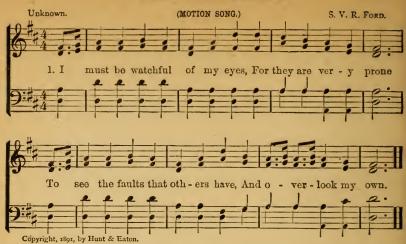


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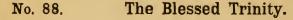


- 2 My native country, thee,
 Land of the noble, free,
 Thy name I love:
 I love thy rocks and rills,
 Thy woods and templed hills;
 My heart with rapture thrills
 Like that above.
- 3 Let music swell the breeze,
 And ring from all the trees
 Sweet freedom's song:
 Let mortal tongues awake;
 Let all that breathe partake;
 Let rocks their silence break,
 The sound prolong.
- 4 Our Father's God! to thee,
 Author of liberty,
 To thee we sing:
 Long may our land be bright
 With freedom's holy light;
 Protect us by thy might,
 Great God, our King!

No. 87. I Must be Watchful.

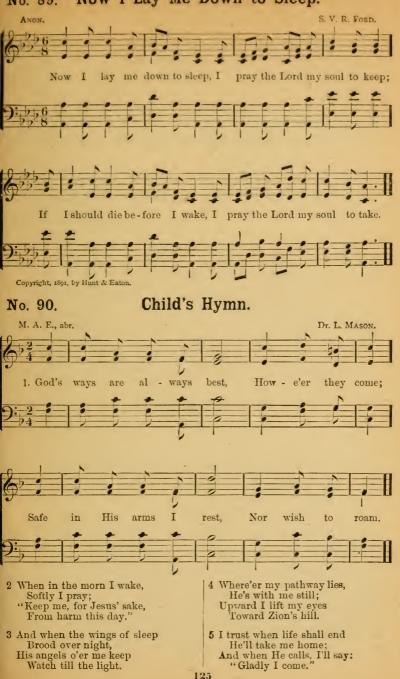


- 2 I must be watchful of my lips,
 For idle words may prove
 As poisoned arrows, that may sting
 And wound the hearts I love.
- 3 I must be watchful of my feet,
 For they are prone to stray,
 In every path of wickedness
 Where Satan leads the way.
- 4 I must be watchful of my hands,
 For they are full of might
 To do the wrong, and ofttimes seem
 Unable to do right.
- 5 I must be watchful of my thoughts, Lest Satan get control, For evil thoughts are sure to work Destruction to the soul.





No. 89. Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep.



Class Exercise-With Emblems.

(FOR THIRTEEN SCHOLARS.)

Note.—The first, seventh, and thirteenth numbers may be assigned to boys, the remaining numbers to girls. The thirteen Scripture recitations are to be represented by appropriate emblems, some of which, as the star, the cross, and the crown, need no explaining. The proper emblem for the second is a large Bible; for the third, a bow and arrows; for the fourth, a lighted lamp; for the fifth, a basket of grapes—the term 'vine' being invariably used in the Scriptures to designate the grape. Easter lilles furnish the fitting emblem for the sixth scholar, as the text indicates. Furthermore, they symbolize the resurrection, and are therefore especially appropriate for Easter Day services. The "corn" of the Scripture signifies "wheat," a "handful" of which should be held by the eighth scholar. Boughs of cedar, or of other evergreen trees, are suggested by the ninth recitation. For the tenth a globe, or, if this be not available, a map of the world should be used. The eleventh scholar should be supplied with a smooth or dressed stone. The twelfth scholar should carry an anchor. The crown should be made of gilt paper, answering to the "golden crown" of the text. The beauty of the exercise depends largely upon the skill displayed in the construction of the star, the cross, the crown, and the anchor.

First.—I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a STAR out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

Second.—For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; so shall my WORD be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Third.—And Elisha said unto him, Take BOW and ARROWS: and he took unto him bow and arrows. And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand upon the bow: and he put his hand upon it: and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands. And he said, open the window eastward: and he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot: and he shot. And he said, The arrow of the Lord's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria.

Fourth.—For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a LAMP that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name.

Fifth.—For the seed shall be prosperous; the VINE shall give her fruit, and the ground her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things. And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong.

Sixth.—I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the LILY, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon. They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the vine of Lebanon.

Seventh.—But God forbid that I should glory, save in the CROSS of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

Eighth.—There shall be a handful of CORN in the earth upon the top of the mountains: the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth. His name shall endure forever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.

Ninth:—Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself; for the Lord shall be thy everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended. Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land forever, the BRANCH of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time.

Tenth.—For the EARTH shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Eleventh.—Thou sawest till that a STONE was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer thrashing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them; and the stone that smote

the image became a great mountain, and hope set before us: which hope we have filled the whole earth.

Twelyth—God, willing more abundantly to show into the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath. That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the

hope set before us: which hope we have as an ANCHOR of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil.

Thirteenth.—And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden CROWN.

Like Angel's Eyes.

Like angel's eyes the stars are peeping From out the heavenly blue; [keeping All through the shades of night they're O'er me their vigil true.

If clouds perchance obscure their shining,
Lo! still the stars are there;
They deek the clouds with silver lining,
And drive away despair.

And so God's watchful care ne'er ceases; I know full well, indeed, The measure of his love increases According to my need.

His "little ones" the Saviour presses
Close to his loving brenst;
They share the bliss of his caresses,
And find in him sweet rest.

Morning Prayer.

Dear Father, hear my morning prayer
For guidance through the day;
On thee I'll cast my every care
Nor from thy precepts stray.

O press me close and closer still
To thy great heart of love,
That I may keep thy righteous will,
Nor disobedient prove.

Protect me from the tempter's snare, And give me strength to win Through constant watchfulness and prayer,
The victory over sin.

In peril let me quickly fly
To thy almighty arm;
Hear thou in heaven my earnest cry,
And rescue me from harm.

Assure me that through Christ thy Son My sins are all forgiven; And when my work on earth is done Grant me sweet rest in heaven.

Ring Out Sweet Christmas Bells.

(RECITATION FOR SIX SCHOLARS.)

First Scholar.

Ring out, ring out, sweet Christmas bells! On this glad morn your ringing tells
To all the nations of the earth
The story of Immanuel's birth:
Messiah, King of Glory.

Second Scholar.

Ring out! take up the joyful strain, Whose echo, wafted o'er the main From Bethlehem on Christmas morn, Proclaims the tidings, Christ is born: Messiah, King of Glory.

Third Scholar.

Ring out a truce o'er all the world
To war; let battle flags be furled,
And hate, and strife, and carnage cease,
Since Christ is born, the Prince of Peace:
Messiah, King of Glory

Fourth Scholar

Ring out! till souls with sin oppressed Obtain abiding peace and rest In him who sets the prisoner free—
Whose law is perfect liberty:
Messiah, King of Glory.

Fifth Scholar.

Ring out God's loving Fatherhood, Ring out man's common brotherhood, Together linked in him whose birth Brought heavenly charity to earth: Messiah, King of Glory.

Sixth Scholar.

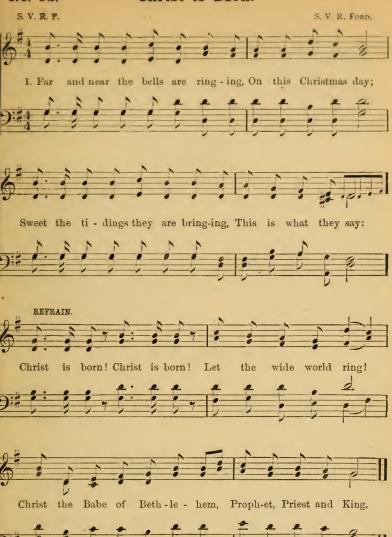
Ring out, ring out till God's dear Son Makes heaven and earth in spirit one; Till love holds universal sway Through him who hallows Christmas day: Messiah, King of Glory.

No. 91. When His Salvation Bringing.



No. 92.

Christ is Born.



- Angels from the realms of glory, Told the Saviour's birth; Joyfully they sang the story To the list'ning earth:—Ref.
- 3 Christ is come to bring salvation,
 Shout the joyful strain!
 Sing the news till every nation
 Learns the glad refrain!—Ref.

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A Missionary Lesson.

(RECITATION FOR TWO CHILDREN.)

First Child.

A grain of corn an infant's hand May plant upon an inch of land, Whenee twenty stalks may spring and yield Enough to stock a little field. The harvest of that field might then Be multiplied by ten times ten, Which sown thrice more would furnish

Wherewith an army might be fed.

Second Child.

A penny is a little thing Which e'en the poor man's child may fling Into the treasury of heaven, And make it worth as much as seven: As seven! nay, worth its weight in gold, And that increased a millionfold; For lo! a penny tract, if well Applied, may save a soul from hell. -From "Missionary Concerts."

Don't Forget.

(RECITATION.)

Little ehildren, when you pray To God to keep you through the day; When you ask that he would take Your sins away, for Jesus' sake; When you thank him for your friends, And the comforts that he sends, Don't forget to breathe a prayer For those who know not of his eare. Many little ones there are, Over the sea so very far, Who never heard of God above, Who do not know of Jesus' love, Children who have never heard From Christian friends this blessed word.

That gentle Jesus, meek and mild, Dearly loves each little child, And bids them always come and pray To him who takes their sins away. This Saviour they have never known, And therefore kneel to wood and stone. O children! ask of him to send Some one to be the heathen's friend. To guide them from destruction's road, Into the path that leads to God, That they may have their sins forgiven, And when they die may go to heaven; That they and you at last may stand Within that happy, happy land.

-Selected.

Little Love's Dream of the Angels.

(A DIALOGUE.)

Mother.

What were the holy angels saying To you in dreamland, little dear? A smile upon your lips was playing, And then I saw you shed a tear. Then you awoke just after sighing, As if bad dreams disturbed your sleep; What turned your smiling into erying? Tell me: the secret I will keep.

Child.

Mother, I saw fair angels round me, With robes and wings of snowy white; And then I wondered how they found me, And why the room was filled with light.

They told me that I need not fear them, And called me "Little Love," which made

Me feel so happy to be near them That I could never be afraid.

And then I listened while they told me That Jesus sent them from above To keep me safe from harm, and fold me Securely in their arms of love.

They told me then of baby brother Who lives in heaven; and while they spoke

I eried, and then they kissed me, mother, And said, "Good-bye"—then I awoke.

Stop and Think.

My boy, when they ask you to drink, Stop and think. Just think of the danger ahead; Of the hearts that in sorrow have bled O'er hopes that were drowned in the bowl, Filled with death for the body and soul.

When you hear a man asking for drink, Stop and think. The draught that he drinks will destroy High hopes and ambitions, my boy; And the man who the leader might be

Is a slave that no man's hand can free.

O this terrible demon of drink!

Stop and think

Of the graves where the victims are hid,

Of the ruin and woe it has made,

Of the wives and the mothers who pray

For the curse to be taken away.

Yes, when you are tempted to drink,
Stop and think
Of the danger that lurks in the bowl,
The death that it brings to the soul,
The harvest of sin and of woe,
And spurn back the tempter with "No."
—E. E., Rexford.

The Raindrops.

When I read of a river in heaven above, I wonder if God, in his infinite love, Lets the raindrops that fall from some place up on high Drip down, one by one, through the floor of the sky.

They're so pearly and pure that I think they must fall From a world where no sin ever enters at all; When they're kissed by a sunbeam, how pretty they are: They glisten and sparkle and shine like a star.

Then, again, the idea to me is so quaint That raindrops and sunbeams together should paint Those beautiful rainbows that hang in the air, And gladden our sight with their colors so rare.

For their beauty I prize the pure raindrops, I think; But I bless them for giving me water to drink. Pure water! clear water!—what gift so divine! Three cheers for cold water! 'tis better than wine!

Puzzlers.

(RECITATION FOR TWO LITTLE BOYS.)

First.

Some folks call me a little boy,
And some a little man;
I can see how I can't be both,
I can't see how I can.

Second.

Some folks call puss a little kitten,
And some a little cat;
I can't see how she can be both;
Will some one tell me that?

Pet's Early Morning Call.

(Motion Recitation for Three Girls.)

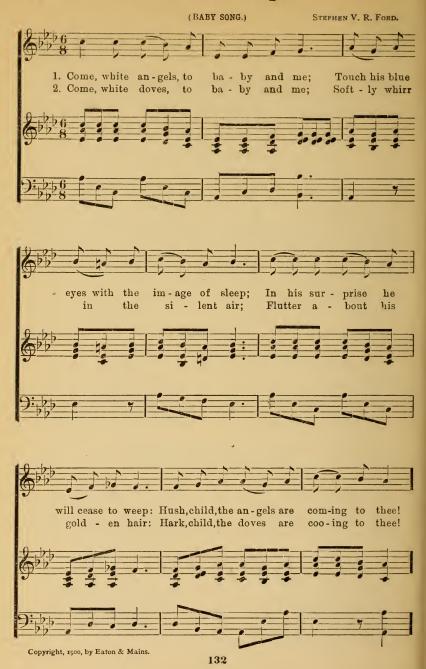
Two little feet I hear
Pattering on the floor
Softly;
Two little eyes there are
Peeping through the door
Slyly;
Birds are piping morning song,
Cautiously he moves along,
Lest he wake me.

Two little hands I feel
Resting on the spread
Slightly;
Two little steps he takes
O'er me—on the bed—
Lightly;

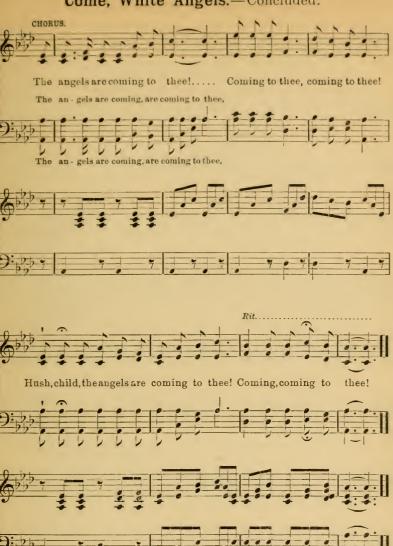
In his snow-white nightgown Carefully he lays him down Lest he wake me.

Two little lips are soon
Pressing my lips down
Sweetly;
Two little arms are there
Twisting my neck round
Gently;
Roguishly his eyes meet mine,
Laughingly he says, 'tis time
I should wake me.
— Dewdrops and Sunshine.

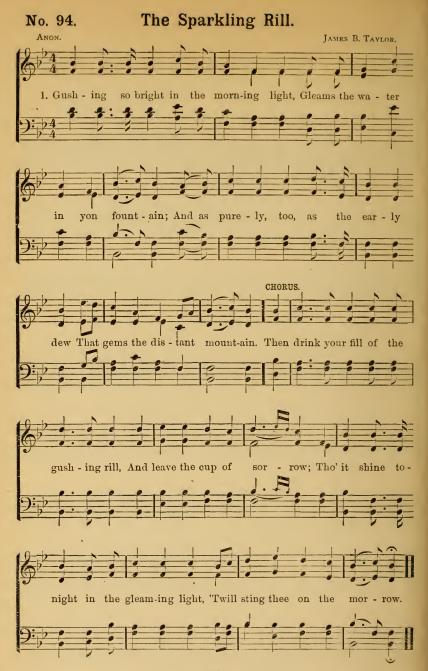
No. 93. Come, White Angels.



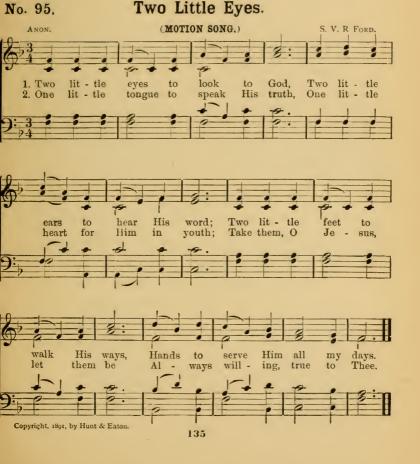
Come, White Angels.—Concluded.



- Drowsily nod before his eyes;
- So full of wonder, so round and so wise: Hist, child, the lily-bells tinkle for thee!
- 3 Come, white lilies, to baby and me; |4 Come, white moon, to baby and me; Gently glide over the ocean of sleep; Silver the waves of its shadowy deep: Sleep, child, the whitest of dreams to thee!



- 2 Quietly glide in their silvery tide. Pearly brooks from rocks to valley; And the flashing streams in the strong sunbeams Like bannered armies rally.—Cho.
- 3 Touch not the wine, though it brightly shine,
 When a purer draught is given;
 A gift so sweet all our wants to meet,
 A beverage bright from heaven.—Cho.
- 4 O fountain clear, with a heart sincere
 We will praise thy glorious Giver;
 And when we rise to our native skies,
 We'll drink of life's bright river.—Cho,



Redeeming Love.

Look round, and see those numbers in-

That stand before the throne, and in their hands

Palms waving high, as token of victory For battles won—these are the sons of

Redeemed, the ransomed of the Lamb of God;

All those, and millions more of kindred blood,

Who now are out on messages of love—All these, their virtue, beauty, excellence, And joy, are purchase of redeeming blood; Their glory, bounty of redeeming love.

O love divine! harp, lift thy voice on high! Shout, angels! shout aloud, ye sons of men!

And burn my heart with the eternal flame!

My lyre be eloquent with endless praise!
O love divine! immeasurable love!
Stooping from heaven to earth, from earth

to hell, Without beginning, endless, boundless

love!
Above all asking giving far, to those
Who naught deserved, who naught de-

served but death.
Saving the vilest! saving me! O love
Divine! O Saviour God! O Lamb, once

slain!
At thought of thee, thy love, thy flowing blood,

All thoughts decay; all things remembered fade;

Shout, angels! shout aloud, ye sons of men! All hopes return; all actions done by men And burn my heart with the eternal flame! Or angels disappear, absorbed and lost.

—Pollock's Course of Time.

The Visit of the Magi.

(FOR SIX SCHOLARS.)

First Scholar.—Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Second Scholar.—When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be hown

Third Scholar.—And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Fourth Scholar.—Then Herod, when he

had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

Fifth Scholar.—When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

And when they saw the star, they re-

joiced with exceeding great joy.

Sixth Scholar.—And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshiped him; and when they had opened their treasures they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

The Birds' Drinking Place.

In the deep woods,
Among the rocks,
The little birdies
Come in flocks
To get a drink.

The Wood Thrush
And the Chickadee,
The Oriole and the
Brown Pewee,
And Bobolink.

And every little
Thirsty thing,
With furry foot
Or feather wing,
Come when they choose—

To take a bath,
Or get a drink,
To sing a song,
Or catch a wink
Of sweet repose.

—Mrs. S. J. Brigham.

When My Mamma Makes Bread.

When my mamma makes bread at night I help her all I can; I climb up by the table And hold my little pan, And watch her while she mixes in The flour so soft and white, And salt and milk and sugar, And yeast to make it light.

And then she kneads and kneads it, Till it's smooth as it can be; And if I'm good and do not tease

She gives a piece to me.

I put a cover over it, And all the dark, still night, While I am sleeping in my bed, My bread is getting light. Last time it baked so nice and brown, And everybody said,

When it was done, there never was A better loaf of bread. I reached up to the parrot's cage And gave a piece to Polly;

I buttered all the rest and had A party for my dolly.

A Slumber Song.

(FOR A FISHERMAN'S CHILD.)

Furl your sail, my little boatie, Here's the harbor, still and deep, Where the dreaming tides, instreaming, Up the channel creep. See, the sunset breeze is dying; Hark, the plover landward flying, Softly down the twilight crying: " Come to anchor, little boatie, In the port of Sleep."

Far away, my little boatie, Roaring waves are white with foam: Ships are striving, onward driving, Day and night they roam. Father's at the deep sea trawling, In the darkness rowing, hauling, While the hungry winds are calling: "God protect him, little boatie, Bring him safely home!"

Not for you, my little boatie, Is the tide and weary sea; You're too slender and too tender, You must rest with me. All day long you have been straying Up and down the shore, and playing; Come to port, make no delaying! Day is over, little boatie, Night falls suddenly.

Furl your sail, my little boatie, Fold your wings, my tired dove; Dews are sprinkling, stars are twinkling Drowsily above. Cease from sailing, cease from rowing; Rock upon the dream-tide, knowing Safely o'er your rest are glowing, All the night, my little boatie, Harbor lights of love. -Henry Van Dyke, D.D.

The Great Teacher.

(RECITATION FOR SIX SMALL BOYS.)

First.

We do not see our Teacher's face, We do not hear his voice; And yet we know that he is near, We feel it and rejoice.

Second.

There is a music round our hearts, Set in no mortal key; There is a presence in our souls, We know that it is he.

Third.

His loving teaching cannot fail; And we shall know at last Each task that seemed so hard and strange, When learning time is past.

Fourth.

O! may we learn to love him more, By every opening page, By every lesson he shall mark With daily ripening age.

Fifth.

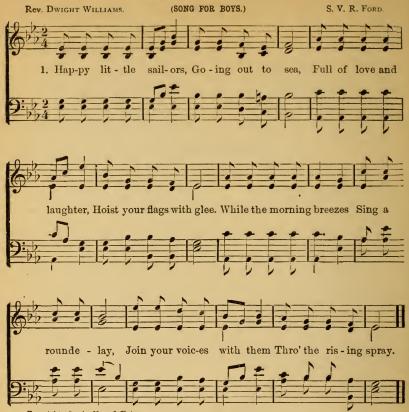
And then to know as we are known Shall be our glorious prize, To see the Teacher who hath been So patient and so wise.

Sixth.

O joy untold! yet not alone Shall ours the gladness be; The travail of his soul in us Our Saviour-God shall see.

-Frances R. Havergul.

Little Sailors.



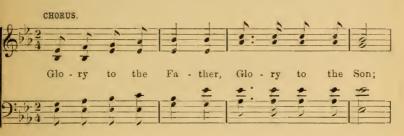
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- 2 Take your compass with you,
 For the Polar Star
 Oftentimes is hidden,
 And the way is far;
 Ask on board the Pilot,
 For He knows the shoals,
 He who made the ocean
 All its rage controls.
- 3 Take the Living Water,
 For the seas are brine,
 You could never drink them,
 Though so clear they shine;
 Surely take the anchor,
 It would never do
 To sail far without it
 All the surges through.
- 4 Broader seas and deeper,
 Farther from the shore,
 Go, ye little sailors,
 Where the breakers roar
 To the heavenly country!
 Spread the snow-white sail,
 O'er the waters wafted
 Angels you will hail.
- 5 Happy little sailors!
 Jesus is the star,
 Jesus is the Pilot,
 To that land afar;
 Listen! for He calls you,
 Happy shall you be,
 Till you drop the anchor
 In the golden sea.

Ho. 97. While the Birds are Singing.*

(RECITATION AND SONG.)

Recitation. While the birds are singing
Praises, Lord, to Thee,
And the air is ringing
With the melody;
We, Thy love confessing,
Raise our joyful song;
Glory, power and blessing,
Unto Thee belong.

(GLORY TO THE FATHER.)



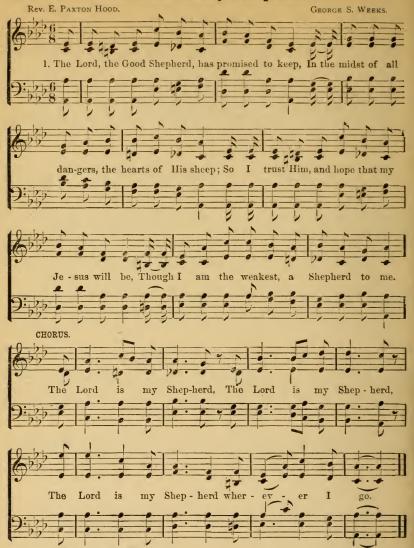


Rec. Flowers in all their glory
Blosoms everywhere,
Telling us the story
Of God's skill and care;
We with them would render
Praise to God above,
For His care so tender,
And His boundless love.
Glory, etc.

Rec. Stars that nightly glisten,
Silent though they are,
If we rightly listen,
God's great power declare;
We, God's glory voicing,
In our tuneful lays,
Come to-day rejoicing
In His love and grace.
Glory, etc.

^{*} Select the best speaker in the class to recite the verses, and let the entire class sing "Glory," etc., at the end of each verse.

The Lord is my Shepherd. No. 98.



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[rude alarms: His arms. And shelters them safe from the world's Then what can I need for my safety beside? And I long to be sure, that is just what I am, 4 His sheep cannot perish, His hand is That the Lord is my Shepherd and I am

3 The Lord is my Shepherd: wherever I go, Green pastures, still waters, He makes me What joy in this valley of weeping to know to know;

2 I am told that He gathers the lambs in A rod to defend me, protect me, and guide;

their strength; They may wander, but reach the best pasture at length.

The Lord is my Shepherd, wherever I go!

No. 99.

These Little Ones.

(MOTTO RECITATION AND SONG FOR FIFTEEN SCHOLARS.)

THY word is a lamp unto my feet.—Ps. 119:105.

HE shall gather the lambs with his arm. Isa. 40:11.

EVEN a child is known by his doings.-Pro. 20:11.

STRIVE to enter in at the strait gate. -Mat. 13:24.

ENTER not into the path of the wicked .- Pro.-4:14.

[O, children are an heritage of the Lord.—Ps. 127:3.

I lay down my life for the sheep .- John 10:15.

THEY that seek me early shall find me.-Pro. 8:17.

THE Lord is my light and my salvation.—Ps. 27:1.

ITTLE children keep yourselves from idols. Amen.-1 John 5:21.

EVERY one that loveth is born of God.—1 John 4:7.

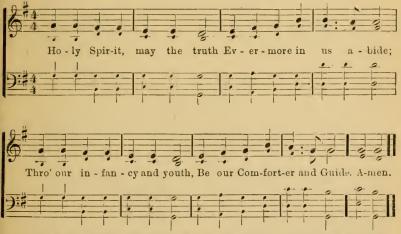
O come let us worship and bow down.—Ps. 95:6.

NOW the end of the commandment is charity.—1 Tim. 1:5.

FVERY branch that beareth not fruit he purgeth it.—John 15:2.

SEARCH me, O God, and know mr heart .- Ps. 139:23.

HOLY SPIRIT, BE OUR GUIDE.



NOTE .- Each recitation contains eight words. The scholars may advance to the front of the platform one by one, and after reciting, turn the letter side of the cards to the view of the Congregation. The exercise to conclude with the singing.

What Would I Do?

If this were twenty centuries ago,
And three wise men should seek my house and say,
"We bring glad tidings! Christ is born to-day?
Arise and follow yonder star whose glow
Would lead you to the child!" would I obey,
If this were twenty centuries ago?

From out my urn of precious hoarded things,
Would I make haste to pour the richest share
For him? The sweetest of my perfumes spare
To bathe the feet of the young King of kings?
Or break the costliest ointment on his hair,
From out my urn of precious hoarded things?

Alas! I dare not say this I would do,
Since I have slighted many another guest
That came from God, have stayed from many a quest
That would have led me to the good and true,
To slumber on with head upon my breast;
Nay, nay! I dare not say this I would do.

My best resolves like shifting shadows are;
Each day some holy light shines on unsought,
And while my silly fluttering wings are caught
By the world's rosy cradle, Christ's own star—
How can I tell?—might beckon me for naught,
My best resolves like shining shadows are.

And when Christ comes again, as come he will,
And wise ones hasten forth with rapt delight
To welcome him, and own his kingly right,
Will man be questioning and doubting still?
I would be pure and fit for heaven's own light,
When Christ shall come again, as come he will.

-The Congregationalist.

Naming the Baby.

When the angels brought baby-brother to our house they forgot to leave his name. If I knew their address I should write to them for it. A letter sent to heaven might reach them. I mailed a letter to Santa Claus at the North Pole. Papa said it would never reach him, but I guess he received it, for he brought me the very things I asked him for. When the angels bring a baby if they would only pin a piece of paper with the name on it to the baby's dress, there would be no bother about it. It's a wonder the angels don't get the babies all mixed up and leave them at the wrong house sometimes. Perhaps they do. But our baby is all right excepting his name. He is next to the cutest baby we ever had at our house. We never had but two. We are stewing over names all the time. Papa says it's "too killin' for any use." There are too few names to go around, I guess. We have thought of Harold and Ray and Walter and Dewey, but what one likes another doesn't like; and so it goes. The other day Miss Bentley came in. She said, "I do think it's well nigh sinful to cheat a baby out of a name for three months. Most likely Cain and Abel were named as soon as they were born; at least the Bible doesn't say they were not. Besides, the Bible has lots of likely names, such as Haran, and Bilshan, and Pildash, to choose from." Then papa replied, "When you get married, Miss Bentley, and come to have a rollicking boy-baby like that little cherub in the crib, you will imagine that there never was a name good enough for him even in the book of Genesis." And then didn't Miss Bentley just turn crimson! After a little she said to papa, "If you will name the baby Solomon Winter, after my great-grandfather on my mother's side, I will give him a splendid pair of boots on his tenth birthday." That interested papa, and he said, "I am almost willing to do it just to hold you to your promise." Of course he didn't care anything about the pair

of boots. Mamma objected, however. She said, "I don't like the sound of Solomon Winter. No, Miss Bentley; so long as my name is Jerusha Ann Green I shall never consent to name our baby Solomon Winter, no matter how many boots you might give him. He would be called Sol. Wintergreens by every urchin in town!" So that was given up. I guess if we keep on baby will have to name himself when he grows up. We have to call him "fatty," and "dumpling," and "toodles," and everything. The other day mamma called him "Ichabod," and O my, how he did scream! Mamma said he wouldn't have been madder if she had called him Judas Iscariot! "Ichabod!" No wonder he was mad. Anybody excepting Miss Bentley would have screnmed. She said, indeed, that "Ichabod" was a good, old-fashioned name, and a Bible name at that. I never knew before how terrible a thing it is to find a real nice name for a baby. It is worse than the measles. It tires one all out. I wonder if there was such a time over my name? But then there were only papa and mamma to decide it. Now I have something to say about baby's name; papa says more than all the others put together. I am afraid baby will grow up and go to the kindergarten without a name, and then he will not know who he is himself. The teacher will ask him, "What is your name?" He will answer, "Baby, just Baby." Then she will say, "Isn't that real funny!" I once heard of a boy who had not been named when he went to the kindergarten. The teacher knew where he lived, though, so she pinned a eard on his jacket and sent him home by mail, or express, or some way I don't just remember how, to get his name, and he never came back any more. I suppose he is still hunting around for his name. So we see how dangerous it is not to have your name with you.

The Bright and Morning Star.

O, wondrous Star of Bethlehem!
Foretold in sacred story;
'Mid heavenly orbs the fairest gem,
We hail thy rising glory.
O, guide us with unerring light
To Israel's Consolation,
And with the magi we'll unite
In praise and adoration.

The Bright and Morning Star thou art, O, Jesus, King immortal! Thy radiance cheers the pilgrim's heart And leads to heaven's grand portal. We bow with reverence at thy feet
To worship and adore thee;
And when around thy throne we meet,
We'll east our crowns before thee.

O, Bright and Morning Star shine on
With ever growing splendor,
Till victory over sin is won,
And all thy foes surrender.
Shine on, and let thy light increase
Till grief, and woe, and sadness
Shall vanish, and the Prince of Peace
Crowns all the earth with gladness.

The Nativity.

The air was still o'er Bethlehem's plain,
As if the great night held its breath,
When Life Eternal came to reign
Over a world of death.

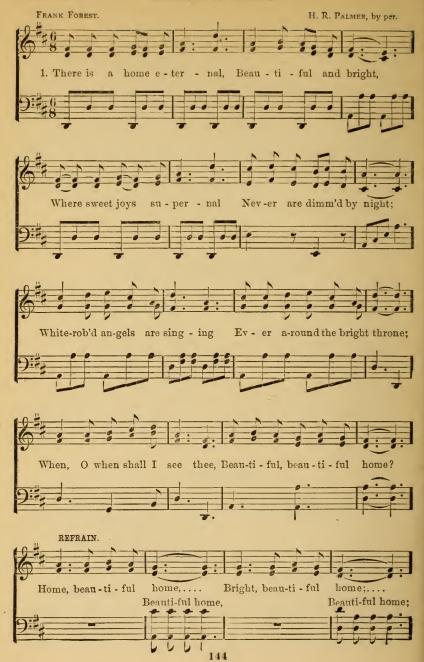
All nature felt a thrill divine
When burst that meteor on the night,
Which, pointing to the Saviour's shrine,
Proclaimed the newborn Light.

Light to the shepherds! and the star Gilded their silent midnight fold; Light to the wise men from afar Bearing their gifts of gold. Light to a realm of sin and grief; Light to a world in all its needs; The Light of Life, a new belief Rising o'er fallen creeds.

Light on a tangled path of thorns,

Though leading to a martyr's throne;
A light to guide till Christ returns
In glory to his own.

There still it shines, while far abroad
The Christmas choirs sing now, as then,
"Glory, glory unto our God!
Peace and good will to men!"
— Thomas Buchanan Read.

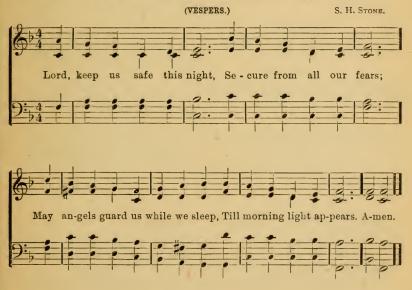


Beautiful Home.—Concluded.



- 2 Flow'rs forever are springing, In that home so fair, Thousands of children are singing Praises to Jesus there; How they swell the glad anthems Ever around the bright throne; When, O when shall I see thee, Beautiful, beautiful home.—Ref.
- 3 Soon shall I join that anthem
 Far beyond the sky;
 Jesus became my ransom,
 Why should I fear to die?
 Soon my eyes will behold Him
 Seated upon the bright throne;
 Then, O then shall I see thee,
 Beautiful, beautiful home!—Ref,

No. 101. Lord, Keep us Safe This Night.



Twenty-six Buds of Promise from God's Word.

" A "-Matt. 18. 2.

"And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them."

"B"-Luke 2. 10.

"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy."

"C"-Psa. 34. 11.

"Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord."

"D"-Gal. 6, 10.

"Do good unto all men."

"E"-Matt. 18. 3.

"Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

"F"-John 21, 15.

"Feed my lambs."

"G"-John 3, 16.

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

"H"—John 6. 37.

"Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

"I"-Prov. 8, 17.

"I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me."

"J"-Matt. 19. 14.

"Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

"K"-Prov. 4. 23.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

"L"-Matt. 28, 20,

"Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

" M "-2 Cor. 12. 9.

"My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

" N "-Matt. 7. 21.

"Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom

of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

"O"-Psa. 8. 2.

"Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength."

"P"-Matt. 3. 3.

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

"Q"—1 Thess. 5. 19.

"Quench not the Spirit."

" R "-Eccles. 12. 1.

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

"S"-Matt. 6. 33.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness."

"T"-Isa. 40. 31.

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

"U"-Isa. 9. 6.

"Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

"V"-John 3, 3,

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

"W"-Phil. 2, 12.

"Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

" X."-Gal. 6. 14.

"God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

"Y"-1 John 4. 4.

"Ye are of God, little children."

"Z"-Luke 19. 8.

"Zaccheus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold."

Note.—If desired, the children can carry the letters of the alphabet made of pasteboard.

—Mrs. W. S. McCowan,

No. 102. Speak Just a Word for Jesus.



- 2 Early begin to bear the cross, Speak just a word for Jesus; They who deny him suffer loss, Speak just a word for Jesus.—Ref.
- 3 Fear not the world nor heed its frown, Speak just a word for Jesus; They who endure shall wear the crown, Speak just a word for Jesus,—Ref.

The Rainbow.

My heart leaps up when I behold A rainbow in the sky!

My heavenly Father set it there, So bright! so fair! so high! My heart leaps up! God gives the sign!
The storm will pass away!

O, doubt no more; his word is sure. Believe, believe; obey.—Selected.

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Rock of Ages.

k of ages, eleft for me," noughtlessly the maiden sung; the words unconsciously From her girlish, gleeful tongue; ung as little children sing: Sung as sing the birds in June, Fell the words like bright leaves down On the current of the tune— "Rock of ages, eleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee."

"Let me hide myself in thee." Felt her soul no need to hide-Sweet the song as song could be, And she had no thought beside; All the words, unheedingly, Fell from lips untouched by care, Dreaming not that they might be On some other lips a prayer-"Rock of ages, eleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee."

"Rock of ages, eleft for me." 'Twas a woman sang them now, Pleadingly and prayerfully; Every word her heart did know. Rose the song as storm-tossed bird Beats with weary wing the air; Every note with sorrow stirred, Every syllable a prayer— 'Rock of ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee.'

"Rock of ages, eleft for me." Lips grown aged sang the hymn Trustingly and tenderly; Voice grown weak and eyes grown dim-

"Let me hide myself in thee."

Trembling though the voice and low, Ran the sweet strain peacefully, Like a river in its flow;

Sang as only they can sing Who life's thorny path have pressed; Sang as only they can sing

Who behold the promised rest-"Rock of ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee."

"Rock of ages, cleft for me," Sung above a coffin lid; Underneath, all restfully, All life's joys and sorrows hid; Nevermore, O storm-tossed soul! Nevermore from wind or tide, Nevermore from billow's roll, Wilt thou need thyself to hide. Could the sightless, sunken eyes, Closed beneath the soft gray hair. Could the mute and stiffened lips Move again in pleading prayer, Still, aye, still, the words would be, "Let me hide myself in thee."-Anon.

Magnificat.—Luke 1. 46-55.

46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,

47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.

50 And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

51 He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

52 He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low de-

gree.

53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

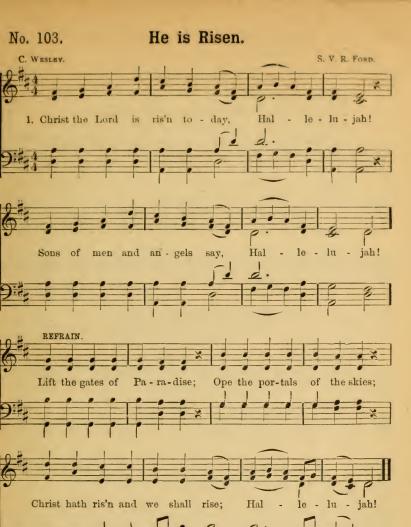
54 He hath holpen his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his merey; 55 As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed forever.

In Winter.

The wind went whistling through the pines, The ground was white with snow, A flock of happy little birds Were flying to and fro, And saying all the time to me, "Chick-a-dee-dee, Chick-a-dee-dee."

"Dear little winter bird," I said, "What do you eat, I pray? I do not see a seed or erumb Along the woodland way. The heavenly Father feedeth thee, Dear Chiek-a-dee, dear Chick-a-dee." -Mrs. S. J. Brigham.



Raise your joys and triumphs high, Hallelujah!

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Sing, ye heavens; thou earth reply, Hallelujah!—Ref. 3 Love's redeeming work is done,
Hallelujah!
Fought the fight, the victory won,
Hallelujah!—Ref.

4 Jesus' agony is o'er,

Hallelujah!

Darkness veils the earth no more,

Hallelujah!—Ref.

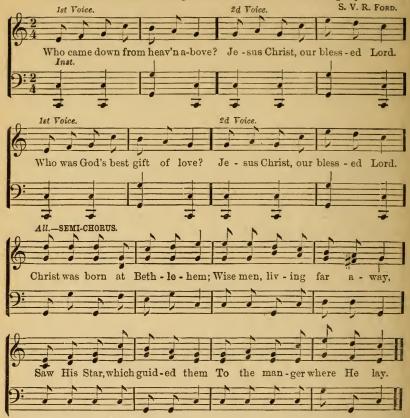
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RECITATION AND SINGING (for Primary Classes).

RECITATION (BY A LITTLE CHILD).

OUR GREETING.

On this glad day, while far and near the Easter bells are ringing, With joyful hearts we gather here, our Easter offerings bringing; We come to sing a Saviour's love—to tell the wondrous story That Christ is risen and reigns above, the Lord of life and glory.



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1st Voice. Who was scourged and crucified?
2d Voice. Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord.
1st Voice. Who for guilty sinners died?
2d Voice. Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord.

All. Christ atoned for all our guilt
On the cross of Calvary;
There His precious blood was spilt;
There He died to make us free.

1st Voice. Who in Joseph's tomb had lain?
2d Voice. Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord.
1st Voice. Who in triumph rose again?
2d Voice. Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord.

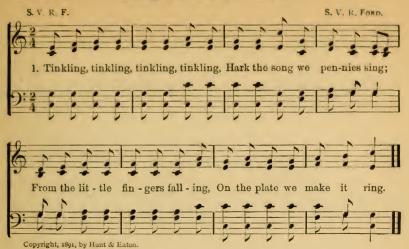
All. In the tomb the Saviour lay
While the angel watched the
door,

Till the morn of the third day, When He rose to die no more.

1st Voice. Who ascended into heaven?
2d Voice. Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord.
1st Voice. Who eternal life has given?
2d Voice. Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord.

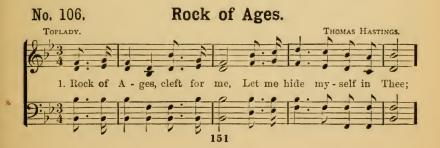
All. Christ is fitting up our home In His Father's house on high; If we love Him, He will come And transport us to the sky.

No. 105. Song of the Pennies.

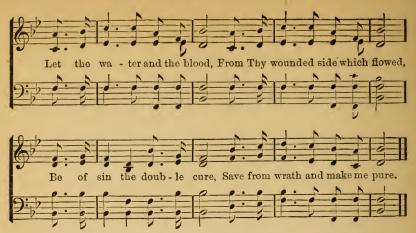


- 2 Dropping, dropping, dropping, One by one as rain-drops fall; Still, one penny can accomplish Scarcely anything at all.
- 3 Falling, falling, falling, Like the tiny flakes of snow;
 Yet the nickels, dimes and dollars,
 From the little pennies grow.
- 4 Gath'ring, gath'ring, gath'ring, gath'ring, Like the dew-drops of the night; When we're each to each united, What can stand before our might?
- 5 Would you like to hear the chorus Of the song the pennies sing? Drop a shining silver dollar On the plate and hear it ring!

Note.—Select two little children and let them sing the first four stanzas alternately as a Soprano Solo, both singing the closing stanza. Provide a ringing metal or glass plate, and let them drop a penny on it at every mention of the word forming the first line of the first four stanzas. Sing slowly, smoothly, and in exact time. The song is to be followed, of course, by the offertory.



Rock of Ages.—Concluded.

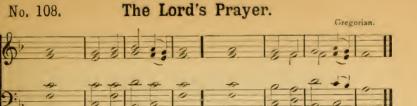


- 2 Could my tears forever flow,
 Could my zeal no languor know,
 These for sin could not atone;
 Thou must save, and Thou alone:
 In my hand no price I bring;
 Simply to Thy cross I cling.
- 3 While I draw this fleeting breath,
 When my eyes shall close in death,
 When I rise to worlds unknown,
 And behold Thee on Thy throne,
 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
 Let me hide myself in Thee.



- 2 Hold me fast and guide me In the narrow way; So with Thee beside me I shall never stray.
- 3 Hallow every pleasure, Every gift and pain;

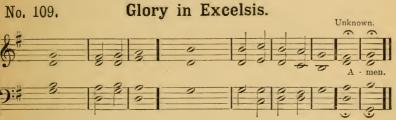
- Be Thyself my treasure, Though none else I gain.
- 4 Day by day prepare me,
 As Thou seest best,
 Then let angels bear me
 To Thy promised rest,



- 1 Our Father who art in heaven, | Hallowed | be Thy | name. ||
 Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done in | earth, as it | is in | heaven,
- 2 Give us this | day our | daily | bread: ||
 And forgive us our debts, as | we for- | give our | debtors.
- 3 Lead us not into temptation, but de- | liver | us from | evil; ||

 For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for- | ever. |

 A--- | men.



Glory be to | God on | high, || and on earth | peace, good-|will toward | men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we | worship | Thee, || we glorify Thee, we give thanks to | Thee for | Thy great | glory.



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